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No New Policies In Name Of Congress

MRS. NAIDU CALLS TRUCE TO "SECRET ACTIVITIES AND MANIFESTOS"

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) August 9.
(Delayed).

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu in a statement to the Press on the occasion of the first anniversary of the arrest of Congress leaders observes:

"Following on the arrest of Mahatma Gandhi and of the Working Committee there seems to have arisen some confusion of ideas and some conflict of opinion among the Congress workers who were suddenly left without a definite mandate or any recognised leadership. I wish to clear any lingering doubts by stating that no authority was delegated either by the Working Committee or by the All-India Congress Committee to any individual or groups within the Congress to issue manifestos or evolve new policies in the name of the Congress, nor, as has been sometime alleged, but which I am loathe to believe, to further secret activities directly opposed to the accepted creed and to further traditions of the Congress."

IN COUNTRY'S SERVICE

Mrs. Naidu added: "Neither is it open to any member of the Congress to amend its constitution or alter its decision at this juncture. Nonetheless, in the absence of the leaders, it is equally the responsibility of all of us to continue without interruption on our own part the authentic work of the Congress in the service of the country. Spectacular programmes assuredly have their special place, and purpose in the scheme of national life, but today they can have but a limited and doubtful value, confronted as we are with problems that demand a supreme and undivided dedication of all national thought for the solution.

"The heart-breaking and universal misery of the people cries out to us from myriad mouths of hunger and not one of us dare be deaf to that poignant call for help. Though I am still too ill to take any active share in the beneficent work of relief, I am in daily contact with the work of the unofficial committee in Hyderabad for relief; I am for that reason increasingly conscious of the desperate agony of the poor and increasingly certain that the paramount, indeed, at present almost the sole task before us, is to try and bring some measure of succour and solace to ameliorate their desperate plight.

"Also from my daily experience, I can bear testimony to the splendid manner in which instinctively and automatically sectarian interests, communal quarrels and political controversies subordinate themselves before a great human claim that transcends all lesser considerations. An enduring national unity can only be built up on the foundation of sincere cooperation in the service of the people.

GOD IN SHAPE OF BREAD

The initial and ultimate word of inspiration was uttered by our own illustrious leader, Mahatma Gandhi, when, in a prophetic mood, he said as long ago as 1921 that 'before the hungry even God dare not appear except in the shape of bread'".—United Press.

"Free India"

DEMONSTRATIONS IN U. S. CITIES?

(From A Special Correspondent.)
LONDON, Aug. 10.

According to information received here, the American Free India Committee are planning to stage demonstrations throughout chief American cities for the release of Mahatma Gandhi and the Congress leaders.

"Leaders Day" In Washington

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.

Bearing placards and distributing pamphlets urging the release of Gandhiji, Mr. Nehru and other arrested leaders, a dozen members of the "Free India Committee of America" paraded the main streets of Washington to-day.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

NEW YUGOSLAV PREMIER

LONDON: New Yugoslav Premier M. Bozidar Puritch was appointed by King Peter.—Reuter.

NAZI UNITS TRAPPED

LONDON, August 10.

The Algiers radio stated some German units have been trapped behind the Bronto-Cesaro line.

ITALY WOULD CAPITULATE?

ZURICH: According to reports reaching the Italo-Swiss frontier the police lost control of the peace demonstrations in Milan after the R.A.F. week-end raid. Soldiers gathered brandishing R.A.F. leaflets. They demanded peace and threatened a nation-wide revolution. The crowds were only appeased when a high official assured them that Italy would capitulate.

REDS BATTERING AT KHARKOV SUBURBS

STOCKHOLM: Latest Russian reports indicate that Russian elements advancing from the station of Slatino, 12 miles north of Kharkov are now less than eight miles from the city and are already battering at its suburbs.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL IN CANADA

QUEBEC: Mr. Churchill has arrived in Canada.—Reuter.

INDIA GOVT.'S BREACH OF FAITH

Ex-Premier On Origin Of Food Crisis In Bengal

CALCUTTA, August 10.

Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, ex-Premier of Bengal, has issued the following statement to-day:

"I wish to enter an emphatic protest against the manner in which Sir Azizul Haque has quoted scrappy extracts from my speech at the Delhi Conference in December, 1942, giving a wrong impression as to what I had said. I shall make a fuller statement to-morrow, but to-day I content myself with saying that I emphatically protested against export from Bengal and it was on that condition that I decided that Bengal should not join in the Government of India's proposal to pool its resources with those of other Provinces for distribution of foodstuffs by the Central Government throughout India. I felt that although Bengal was a deficit Province, if there were no exports from Bengal we would be able to balance our requirements with the winter rice which promised an excellent harvest.

"Unfortunately the Central Government acted in a way amounting to a breach of faith with us and sent down agents to purchase rice in Bengal and export recklessly without the knowledge of the Ministers and in violation of the assurance given to me at the Conference. "This was the origin of the food crisis in Bengal."—A. P.

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Facts About Ajmer-Merwara Flood Havoc

AJMER, August 10.

The Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara has issued the following communique:—

"Further information is now available regarding loss of lives and property caused by the recent flood in the south eastern part of Ajmer-Merwara. A Senior Deputy Collector has been put on special duty to make thorough investigation. He has almost completed his work and from statistics collected by him, it appears that loss of life may not be as heavy as was originally estimated in the last communique, which stated that it was feared that in Ajmer-Merwara territory between four to five thousands of lives were lost and the area covered by it was approximately 150 square miles. It can be said with a fair measure of certainty that the above figures represent loss taken at its worst, although as mentioned above, subsequent inquiry shows that the loss of life was not as heavy as that. Bijainagar was completly evacuated, evacuees travelled free.

A public meeting held yesterday and the Ajmer-Marwar Flood Relief Committee was formed with W. H. Pridmore, Dy. Commissioner, as Chairman, Khan Sahib Zahoor Maseeh, Secretary and Seth Bhagchand Soni, M. L. A., as Treasurer. The Committee consists of eighteen persons mostly non-officials.

Col. Cotter, Public Health Commissioner of the Government of India, visited Bejainagar and declared that this town would become habitable after one month when there would be no danger of epidemic.—A. P.

VICEROY'S DONATION FOR AJMER-MERWARA RELIEF

AJMER, August 10.

His Excellency the Vicercy has sent a donation of Rs. 1,000 to Chief Commissioner for Ajmer-Merwara Flood Relief Funds.—A. P.

Indian Trade Mission In Argentina

BUENOSAIRES, Aug. 10.

An Indian commercial mission had conference with Chancellor Storni with reference to exchange of products between Argentina and India, specially the exportation of burlap. The Chancellor was interested in the despatch of Argentine ships to India contributing to resolve the present shortage.—Reuter.

Something Big In Washington?

WASHINGTON, August 10.

From Reuter's special correspondent:

President Roosevelt has called a conference of Chief Military and Naval Advisers for this afternoon. Amongst those to attend are President Roosevelt's Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Leahy, Chief of the Army Staff, Gen. George Marshal, Admiral King and Gen. Arnold.

President Roosevelt had earlier received the War Secretary, Mr. Stimson and the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull.

The atmosphere in the capital remains electric with all observers convinced that big news is being made.

Mr. Cordell Hull has cancelled his usual Tuesday Press Conference.—Reuter.

"NEXT TWO MONTHS WILL TEST BRITAIN"

BIRMINGHAM, Aug. 10.

The Birmingham Gazette commenting on the statement at York by the Secretary of State for India, Mr. L. S. Amery, quotes this sentence:—"This supreme test of our whole system will be in whether we succeed or fail in the years after the war in winning a Free India, united and at peace within herself, to the acceptance of her own unfettered choice of the privileges and responsibilities of the Commonwealth"

The paper says Mr. Amery might have added that "the test of our chances of success in this task will be generosity and liberality of our policy in India during the next two months"

The newspaper "Northern Echo" picks up the same remark in Mr. Amery's speech and voices similar sentiment as that of the 'Birmingham Gazette'.—Reuter.

Elmer Davies Hints At New Offensive

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.

The Director of the United States Office of War Information Mr. Elmer Davis predicted at a press conference here to-day that "a Third Front" would eventually be opened in Western Europe.

He declined to guess when it would be launched. Mr. Davis said that he regarded the operations in the Mediterranean as the Second Front.

Reports that Hitler was passing out of the picture as a real power in Germany in favour of generals was described by Mr. Davis as "pretty dubious."

Loose Talks, Says Halifax

The British Ambassador to the United States Lord Halifax, after a talk with President Roosevelt said that the discussion was general but with particular reference to Italy.

Asked to comment on reports that Germany has side-tracked Hitler in favour of a regime headed by the High Command, Lord Halifax said: "Even if this were true, I would not attach too much importance to it.

Anyway I think that it is all pretty loose talk at present."

Foolish Optimism, Says Knox

PORTLAND (Maine): United States Secretary of the Navy, Col. Frank Knox, labelled as "foolish optimism" the belief that the war will end this year in an interview at a training-base here to-day.

"Italy Will Continue War"

MADRID: The Berlin correspondent of the Spanish newspaper "Informaciones" said that a German announcement would be issued soon stating that Italy will "continue in the war with still more active military help from Germany than ever before".—Reuter.

GERMAN ATROCITIES IN POLAND

LONDON, Aug. 9.

Children up to 13 and women and old people over 51 were carried off to be killed by the Germans in a mass expulsion of 21,000 people and the entire population of 80 villages in the Lublin District of Poland in reprical for the derailment of a train carrying less than a score of German troops, said Mrs. Maria Michalowska of the Polish Ministry of the Interior at a meeting held to-day.

Some of the children, she said, were kicked to death. Only cattle were left to roam the fields round deserted villages.—Reuter.

Giraud Liberates 900 Politicals

LONDON:—According to an Algiers report General Giraud, the French Commander-in-Chief has so far liberated 27 French Communist Deputies and 903 political prisoners who had been under arrest since 1940. Prominent among them is Henry Martel who was imprisoned before the fall of France on a charge of spreading anti-war propaganda in factories.

"There are still 5,500 political prisoners in custody in French North Africa most of whom are Spanish republicans and their cases are now under investigation by the Allied Commission," said an official spokesman.—India Press Service.

Frontier Election Results

PESHAWAR, Aug. 10.

The results of the by-election in three out of the four Muslim constituencies were released to-day officially.

MARDAN SU DAMAZAI MUSLIM CONSTITUENCY: Sirdar Ayub Khan (Muslim League) 3,022; Sahibzada Khurshid Ali Khan (Congress) 2,465.

KHALIL RURAL CONSTITUENCY: Arbab Sher Ali Khan (Muslim League) 2,171; Khan Ibrahim Jhagra (Congress) 884; Mr. Taj Mohammed (Independent) who forfeits his security, 343.

PESHAWAR CITY: Mr. Ghulam Hussain (Muslim League) 4,707; Khan Yahya Jan (Congress) 2,501.—A. P.

NEW FOOD MEMBER

NEW DELHI, Aug. 10.

The Governor-General has had under his consideration, with those of his colleagues principally concerned the distribution of portfolios in the Executive Council, says a 'communique.'

He is clear in the outcome that given the immediate and growing importance of the food problem the burden at present carried by the Hon. Sir Azizul Haque, as Member in charge of Food, of Industries and Civil Supplies and of Commerce, must shortly become heavier than can wisely be imposed upon any one member.

In the circumstances he has invited SIR J. P. SRIVASTAVA, who has accepted his invitation, to take over charge of the portfolio of Food. The change will take effect from Wednesday, August 11.—A. P.

Chair Rules Out Motion On Ajmer Floods

NEW DELHI, Aug. 10

In the Assembly to-day, the Chair ruled out Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari's adjournment motion to discuss the raid made by the Delhi police on the morning of August 9 on the "Hindustan Times" press premises and the serving of an order on the keeper of the press holding up the issue of the "Hindustan Times" and the "Hindustan."

The President observed that the police took action under the law and it was not for this House to say whether that action was justified or not.

The House was not in a position to do so. The motion was out of order.

The Chair also ruled out Mr. Krishnamachari's motion to discuss "The huge loss of life in Ajmer and the deliberate withholding by Government of all information on this matter."

The President after looking at a copy of the "Hindustan Times" observed that reports of the loss of life in Ajmer had appeared and the motion was therefore entirely unjustified.—A.P

GERMAN RADIO ON ROME-BERLIN TALKS

LONDON, Aug. 10.

The German radio to-night said official quarters in Berlin announced that conversations are proceeding with Italy.

The radio added: "There has in the last few days been no change in the German point of view with regard to Treaty of Alliance".

ROME: Marshal Badoglio's Minister of Interior Sgr. Bruno Fornaciari has resigned and been replaced by Senator Umberto Ricci, announces the Italian news agency

WHERE IS GOERING?

ZURICH: It is learned in well-informed quarters that Field Marshal Goering with his wife and child is at present staying at Schloss Marbach near Oehningen on the shore of the lower Lake Constance.

MEN AND OFFICES QUIT NAZI CITIES

About four million people have been evacuated from the bombed towns in western and north-western Germany, according to a neutral report from Stockholm. Millions more are waiting to leave.

The Gestapo headquarters has been moved from Berlin to Prague according to a Stockholm report to the Polish Telegraph agency. The headquarters of several other central offices in Berlin have been transferred to Cracow and Poznan.

The German radio announces that Hitler as the Supreme Commander of the German Armed Forces has created a post of Inspector General for Prisoners of war.

Turkey Won't Shirk, Says Yalchin

ISTANBUL, Aug. 10.

M. Hussein Yalchin, Turkey's best-known editor and a deputy, said in an article in "Vatan". "The day we are called upon to fulfil our obligations to Britain under the treaty and to enter the war, we shall do so."

M. Yalchin pointed out that Turkey promised to enter the war at Britain's side when certain conditions arose in the Mediterranean. Those conditions had not yet arisen.

"The fact is that when we are called upon to enter the conflict under our treaty obligations we shall not need pushing."

The article contradicts an earlier statement by the influential Istanbul paper "Aksham" that Turkey will remain neutral till the end of the war.

From Reuter's special correspondent:

All Bulgarians in Turkey have been called to colours. The Turkish authorities have recently been taking closest interest in Bulgarian subjects a number of whom have been deported as undesirables.—Reuter.

American Surprise Landing In Axis Rear In Sicily

LONDON, Aug. 10.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa: The American amphibious landing which was made on Saturday night five miles south-west of Cape Orlando in Sicily resulted in taking 1,500 prisoners.

Eighth Army patrols have now linked up with those on the right flank of the U. S. Seventh Army between Bronte and Cesaro, thus completing an unbroken Allied front.

To-day's Communique announces: "Slow and steady progress has been made along the whole front. The Eighth Army has made considerable progress and are closing in around Mount Etna. The town of Bronte, nine miles west of Randazzo is now in our hands. The Seventh Army troops assisted by French Moroccan Goums continued to press eastward. Contact has been established with the raiding force which landed in the enemy rear yesterday. Enemy resistance continues desperate while his position becomes daily more difficult".

The Royal Navy on Sunday bombarded enemy positions at Giarre and Ripposto and between there and Acireale.

To-day's Italian communique from Rome said: "Enemy offensive in Sicily continues to develop strongly supported by air and naval forces. In spite of tenacious resistance of Italian and German troops, certain positions had to be evacuated in consequence of violent attacks of enemy armoured formations.

To-day's Air Communique states: "North-West African Air Forces continued their attacks against enemy communications. Road and railway bridges in Southern Italy were attacked by medium bombers while heavy bombers raided road junctions at Messina. Fighter-Bombers maintained their attacks on enemy shipping off the Sicilian coast, sinking six small craft and damaging others. Three enemy aircraft were destroyed during the day and one on the night of August 8/9. Three of our aircraft are missing."

To-day's Middle East air communique from Cairo states: "Railway sidings at Sangiovanni were attacked by R.A.F. Halifax and Liberator bombers during the night of August 8/9.

To-day's Naval Communique states: "His Majesty's ships continue to support the army by harassing the enemy in the coastal region of Acireale. On the night of August 7/8, destroyers again bombarded the coastal road and railway at Taormina. On August 8, enemy positions at Giarre and Riposto and between there and Acireale were bombarded by cruisers and destroyers. Minesweepers have cleared the channel into Catania. On the night of August 7/8 an amphibious force of the United States Navy succeeded in landing troops of the Seventh Army in the rear of the enemy positions near Terrenuovo, five miles south-west of Cape Orlando.

The landing was unopposed out contact was made later with the enemy. This combined American operation resulted in the immediate withdrawal of the enemy forces to new lines and taking of 1,500 prisoners. Heavy units of the American Navy remained in the area giving fire support to the army troops".

From Reuter's special correspondent: The former Eighth Army front below Etna has been reduced to six or seven miles west of the coastal stretch. Between Etna and the north coast German resistance is reaching new heights of ferocity and stubbornness with demolitions, mining and blasting away of the cliffside roads.

The Eighth Army spearhead, which battered its way northward from Adrano through Bronte yesterday has established contact with the right flank of the American Seventh Army, whose main drive has been a horizontal one eastward into the north-east tip of Sicily.

More than half of Mount Etna has been encircled and the centre of the now continuous Allied line is advancing yard by yard in furious mountain fighting on the vital road junction town of Randazzo.

Round-Up Of Italian Anti-Fascists

ZURICH, Aug. 10.

The "Tribune Geneve" reports that 4,000 Fascist militia paraded Paris streets.

The Germans arrested a large number of Italian anti-Fascists in the surroundings of Paris "for reasons of safety".

The Paris Fascist leaders are still in contact with the German authorities and enjoy special police protection but wear no party badges.

Flood Menace In Midnapore

CALCUTTA, August 10.

Information has been received that the Subarnarekha and the Kaligbat Rivers in the district of Midnapore are in flood.

The local officers have been taking necessary action to organise relief operations. No loss of life has been reported. The Cossye River in the same district is reported to have flooded a certain portion of the Tamluk subdivision.

Arrangements have been made promptly for having the flood-water drained out into the Rupnarain. The Sub-Divisional Officer has been taking all necessary action for organising relief operations.—A P

THOUSANDS HOMELESS

TAMLUK, August 10: About 40 villages in seven Unions have been inundated by the recent floods and thousands have been rendered homeless.

On August 2, water in the Kasai River rising, a breach was caused in the embankment.—United Press.

"SUICIDE SQUAD" RESCUES THEM

BURDWAN, August 6.

After being marooned for 36 hours on a tree in the floodwaters of the Damodar two men were rescued last evening by a party of the local A. R. P. and the Bengal Fire Service, who had formed themselves into a "suicide squad" for the purpose.—A. P.

"Declare Assam, A Famine Area"

CALCUTTA, August 10.

"The situation in Assam is such that I see no reason why the Assam Government should not declare it a famine area", says Mr Ananda Mohan Dam, M.L.A. (Central). In a statement on the present food situation in that province.—United Press.

ETHIOPIA TO BENEFIT BY LEND-LEASE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.

Mutual aid agreement between United States and Ethiopia was signed to-day in conformity with the Lend-Lease Act.

The question of installations built during war on Ethiopian territory is to be settled by agreement.—Reuter.

Red Army's Pincer Threat To Kharkov

Hitler's "Picked Divisions Plan Withdrawal By Stages"

LONDON, August 10.

Berlin last night announced the launching of violent new Russian attacks at a point only 50 miles east of the great fortress of Smolensk already threatened by the advance up the Briansk railway.

Closing Round Kharkov

MOSCOW, August 10.

(Morning dispatch from Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow): The Red Army has now closed round Kharkov on three sides. The Soviet troops stand 36 miles west of the city at the key-town of Nikitovka. Other Soviet forces are drawing in on Kharkov from a new direction from Rubezhnaya a key-town on the west bank of the Northern Donetz, some 24 miles north-east of the Ukrainian capital.

WITHDRAWAL BY STAGES!

Frontline dispatch to the "Red Star" said to-day: "The Germans are trying to retreat by stages withdrawing in the morning to more distant trenches dug hastily during night. The Luftwaffe is giving increased support to German land forces."

From Reuter's special correspondent at Stockholm:—

The Russian forces in hot pursuit of Hitler's picked divisions are reported to be ten miles north of Kharkov. Moscow last night revealed that the left arm of the Russian pincer movement is advancing on Kharkov from Chuguyev, less than 20 miles south-east of the bigbase. Kharkov is defended by picked German troops including the S. S. Adolf Hitler, the gross Duetschland and the Das Reich divisions.

SOVIET ADVANCE WEST OF OREL

A supplement to Monday night's Soviet 'communique' states north west of Orel Russian troops have captured 22 inhabited localities. West of Orel Soviet troops continued to forge ahead and in the fighting in this sector the enemy is sustaining heavy losses in man-power and equipment.—

"DON'T SACRIFICE TROOPS"

Reuter's special correspondent in Stockholm cables: "Reports from the Russian front indicate that the German General Staff have instructed their commanders in the field not to sacrifice troops unnecessarily.

Their orders seem to be to fight only as long as a position is holdable and a way of retreat is open.

The Moscow radio said, "On the night of August 8 Soviet aircraft raided enemy trains and munitions stores on the railway junction of Unecha and the station of Lyubokhli and Osov south of Kharkov.

Several ammunition dumps were blown up by direct hits. As result of the raids a number of fires broke out. Two Soviet aircraft did not return to their bases."

Soviet General Killed

The Moscow Radio said on Tuesday, "The People's Council of Defence announces the death of General Afanasenko during the fighting at Byelgorod. A monument will be erected to perpetuate his memory in Byelgorod. One of the heroes of Stalingrad, Major-General Gurtyev was killed in the fighting at Orel. A monument will be erected to his memory in the town."

150 Generals Killed

MOSCOW:—The total number of German Generals alone killed so far on the Russian Front exceed 150, according to a report in 'Pravda'. More than half a million applications have been received for transfer from the Russian Front on medical grounds for the past six months, continues the report.

Reichsweh Doctors have been forbidden to issue any further certificates recommending such transfers on medical grounds. India Press Service.

Germany Closes Civil Air Lines In Europe

STOCKHOLM: Germany has closed down some of the Lufthansa Civil Airlines across Europe says a Berlin dispatch. Service for France Spain and Portugal will be curtailed. The planes are to be used for troops and freight carrying to the war fronts. It is stated that Germany is feeling very much the shortage of planes due to her enormous losses and stretched lines of communications.—India Press Service.

TRENCHES FOR SHELTERS IN BERLIN

ZURICH, Aug. 10.

Owing to the impossibility of constructing sufficiently bombproof shelters in Berlin, the German Pioneer Corps has begun to dig deep trenches right across the city as protection from bomb fragments.—Reuter.

AERIAL COMBATS OVER FRANCE

LONDON, Aug. 10.

An Air Ministry 'communique' early to-day (Tuesday) states: "Yesterday morning offensive patrols of our fighters attacked road and rail targets in Northern France.

In sweeps yesterday evening, our fighters destroyed seven enemy fighters. Three of our fighters are missing."

Four Spitfire pilots taking on odds of three to one in German fighters over France this evening destroyed six without loss to themselves. Altogether R. A. F. fighters to-day destroyed seven aircraft. Three R A F fighters are missing.—Reuter

R. A. F. Raids Mannheim

LONDON, Aug. 10.

To-day's Air Ministry Communique states: "Last night aircraft of the Bomber Command made a heavy attack on Mannheim-Ludwigshafen. Large fires were seen on both banks of the Rhine. Mosquitoes bombed objectives in the Ruhr. Aircraft of the Fighter Command attacked enemy airfields and railways in France and the Low Countries. Two enemy aircraft were destroyed.

"Nine bombers are missing."—Reuter.

Pioneer Of Colour Film Passes Away

LONDON, (By Mail)—Death has occurred of Claude Friese Greene, the pioneer of colour films in Britain. It was in 1925, his experiments culminated in showing in London of a colour film hailed at the time as startling. The results of his labours are seen in one of the latest films "The Great Handel" which is considered the most beautiful and natural colour the Movie has yet produced.—India Press Service.

U. S. Honours For Br. Generals

LONDON: Generals Alexander, Montgomery and Anderson and Maj.-Gen. H. M. Gale, the Chief Administrator under Gen. Eisenhower are made Chief Commanders of the United States Legion of Merit. Lieut.-Gen. F. M. Mason MacFarlane and Maj.-Gen. (temporary General) C. W. Allfrey are Commanders of the Legion.—Reuter.

BRITAIN BUYS 1943 TEA CROP

LONDON: Lord Woolton, the Minister for Food, announced at a Press Conference that the ministry have just completed the purchase of the 1943 tea crop on behalf of all non-Axis world. "Supplies will be allocated on the same basis as last year", he said. "We have bought more than 700 million pounds.—Reuter.

PREPARING INDIA FOR SELF-GOVT.

BRISTOL, August 9.

The Minister of Aircraft Production, Sir Stafford Cripps, speaking here to-day said, that no colonial matter was so important as the spread of education in territories for which Parliament was responsible.

Education was needed in India and there was an enormous task still to be performed in assisting her to get ready for self-government she has been promised after the war.—Reuter.

NO HAJJ THIS YEAR

NEW DELHI, August 10.

The Government of India have again decided this year that they cannot permit Hajj sailings, says A communique. The enemy to whose actions this decision is directly attributable is a brutal and savage aggressor. To him the death of thousands of pilgrims would count for nothing. The Government of India have informed Muslim leaders and the members of the Standing Hajj Committee confidently of the circumstances and considerations which have weighed with them.—A. P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (October).

New York, Aug. 10.

Previous closing	20.00
To-day's opening	20.03
Difference	+.03

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, August 10.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors dol 51.

Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 25-3/4.

U. S. Steel Corp. Com. dol. 53-1/8.

U. S. Steel Pref. unquoted.—Reuter

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, August 10.

Following are to-day's closing quotations on the Madras Stock Exchange:

Sugar and Breweries:—Deccan Big 31, Deccan Small 70, India Sugar 16/12, South India 12/6, Travancore 14.

Planting:—Cochin Malabar 18/8, Chembra Peaks 13/10, Coorg 67/8, Cochin 21/12, Cottanad 14, Fringfords 1714, High Produce 42, Kalpettas 47/12, Kalasa 18/4, Midland 15/12, Ouchterlony 14/12, Peermade 51/12, Vellakumdam 21/7, Vellamalai 26/4, Vellitam 40.

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REPORT for the Half-year ended 30th June, 1943

The Reserve Bank Rate and the Imperial Bank Advance Rate remained unchanged at 3% and 3½% respectively throughout the half-year.

Money has been in better demand but, with supplies increasingly plentiful, interest rates have remained low.

Commodity prices have fluctuated but the general trend has again been upward and markets for the most part, closed higher on the half-year.

Sterling exchange has been steady.

Good war news and an abundant supply of money contributed to the very steady undertone which was the main characteristic of the Government Securities markets.

Government of India 3½% Rupee Paper continued to be quoted at around Rs. 94 until the end of June when the price advanced to Rs. 94-8-0.

The lists of the 3% Loan repayable in 1951|54, which had remained open throughout the half-year, were finally closed on the 30th June and, with effect from the 3rd July, subscriptions were invited by the Central Government to a fourth Defence Loan which took the shape of a 3% issue repayable in 1953|55.

The average yield on Government of India Treasury Bills during the half-year was Rs. 1-1-2% per annum as compared with Rs 1-0-9% per annum during the corresponding half of 1942.

Still further increases in taxation, announced during the half-year, have correspondingly added to the usual and necessary provisions which must be made before the Bank's profits are declared. After making these provisions, the net profit of the Bank for the half-year amounted to Rs. 45 25,041-0-8 which, with Rs. 45,51,645-8-4 brought forward from the half-year ended the 31st December 1942, makes a total of Rs. 90,76,686-9-0.

This sum the Directors of the Bank have disposed of as follows:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
1. In payment of a Dividend to the Shareholders at the rate of 12% per annum free of Income-tax	33,75,000	0	0
2. Transferred to Pension Funds	1,03,700	0	0
3. Bonus to Staff	8,50,000	0	0
4. Carried forward to the Profit and Loss Account of the current half-year	47,47,986	9	0
Total	90,76,666	9	0

The Balance Sheet of the Bank as on the 30th June, 1943, and the Report of the Auditors are annexed, together with a statement of the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th June, 1943

By Order of the Central Board,
W. LAMOND,
Managing Director.

Bombay, 28th July, 1943.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA as on 30th June, 1943

LIABILITIES	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
CAPITAL:—						
Authorised—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	0	0			
Issued and Subscribed—2,25,000 shares of Rs. 500 each	11,25,00,000	0	0			
Called up—75,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, fully paid	3,75,00,000	0	0			
1,50,000 shares of Rs. 500 each, Rs. 125 paid	1,87,50,000	0	0			
				5,62,50,000	0	0
Reserve Liability of Shareholders—Rs. 375 per share on 1,50,000 shares	5,62,50,000	0	0			
RESERVE FUND				5,75,00,000	0	0
FIXED DEPOSIT, SAVINGS BANK, CURRENT AND OTHER ACCOUNTS				1,96,31,01,675	3	7
LOANS AGAINST SECURITIES per contra				.....		
ACCEPTANCES FOR CONSTITUENTS				.....		
DIVIDENDS:—						
For the half-year ended 30th June, 1943	33,75,000	0	0			
Unclaimed	5,40,069	2	2	39,15,069	2	2
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT				47,47,986	9	0
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES:—						
On Bills of Exchange rediscounted	Rs. 81,30,987	12	5			
Claims against the Bank not acknowledged as debts	Rs. 86,506	7	0			
Rupees				208,55,14,730	14	9

ASSETS	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
INVESTMENTS (of which securities are valued in accordance with bye-law 29 of the Bye-Laws of the Bank):—						
Government Securities	127,34,30,035	6	2			
Other Trustee Securities	68,61,593	13	4			
Other Authorised Securities	1,41,14,452	2	4			
Immovable Properties at or below cost	4,066	15	2	129,44,10,148	5	0
ADVANCES:—						
Loans	10,23,67,786	2	11			
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	24,51,76,260	7	1			
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,64,69,296	6	0	40,40,13,343	0	0
PARTICULARS OF ADVANCES:—						
1. Debts considered good in respect of which the Bank is fully secured (This amount includes debts (fully secured) due by Directors, members of Local Boards and employees, or by them jointly with others, and by firms in which a Director or a member of a Local Board is a partner, aggregating Rs. 35,27,007-1-5, including Rs. Nil advanced to Directors and members of Local Boards since 30th June, 1942, and recoverable.)	36,51,08,454	1	5			
2. Debts considered good for which the Bank holds no security other than the debtor's personal security (This amount includes debts due by Directors, members of Local Boards and employees, or by them jointly with others, and by firms in which a Director or a member of a Local Board is a partner, aggregating Rs. 21,134-1-9, including Rs. Nil advanced to Directors and members of Local Boards since 30th June, 1942, and recoverable.)	3,89,04,888	14	7			
	40,40,13,343	0	0			
LIABILITY OF CONSTITUENTS FOR ACCEPTANCES per contra				.....		

DEAD STOCK:—	Premises			Furniture & Fittings			
Total cost up to the 30th June 1942	2,97,63,473	8	4	62,71,609	8	6	
Additions since 30th June 1942	84,321	3	7	1,53,018	7	5	
	2,98,47,794	11	11	64,24,627	15	11	
Less sales since 30th June 1942 and adjustments in respect of property fully written off which has passed out of the Bank's possession permanently or temporarily	541	8	0	4,583	4	3	
	2,98,47,253	3	11	64,20,044	11	8	
Total depreciation written off up to the 30th June 1943 less depreciation previously provided on property which has passed out of the Bank's possession permanently or temporarily	1,41,90,943	3	9	49,24,861	10	0	
	1,56,56,310	0	2	14,95,183	1	8	1,71,51,493 1 10
SUNDRIES (Stationery, Stamps, etc.)							
ADJUSTING ACCOUNT of interest, commission, etc.							19,00,515 8 11
BULLION							50,05,088 6 9
CASH:—							.....
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India				35,01,50,924	7	5	
Balances with other Banks:							
(a) On current account and at call	1,02,16,551	6	2				
(b) On deposit	26,66,666	10	8	1,28,83,218	0	10	
Rupees ...							36,30,34,142 8 3
							208,55,14,730 14 9

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT OF THE IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA for the Year ended 30th June, 1943.

	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
INCOME						
Amount brought forward	45,32,930	5	4			
Gross Profit for the year	2,50,53,106	13	11			
				2,95,86,037	3	3
EXPENDITURE						
Establishment	1,17,63,357	8	1			
Directors' and Local Board Members' Fees	1,21,582	14	0			
Auditors' Fees	46,596	0	0			
Rent, Taxes, Insurance, Lighting, etc.	13,28,384	0	5			
Pay of Guards	2,66,439	2	10			
Depreciation on Bank Property	6,36,802	12	9			
Repairs to Bank Property	1,24,478	14	10			
Law Charges	17,929	15	0			
Postages and Telegrams	7,54,839	5	9			
Stationery	7,62,434	6	3			
Miscellaneous Expenses	6,94,405	10	4			
				1,65,17,250	10	3
Total net available balance				1,30,68,786	9	0
ALLOCATION FOR HALF-YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1942						
Amount set aside for payment of a Dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum (free of Income-tax)	33,75,000	0	0			
Amount transferred to Reserve fund	5,00,000	0	0			
Amount transferred to Pension Funds.	1,17,100	0	0			
				39,92,100	0	0
				90,76,686	9	0
ALLOCATION FOR HALF-YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1943						
Amount set aside for payment of a Dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum (free of Income-tax)	33,75,000	0	0			
Amount transferred to Pension Funds.	1,03,700	0	0			
Bonus to Staff	8,50,000	0	0			
Balance carried forward	47,47,986	9	0			
				90,76,686	9	0

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA.

We, the undersigned Auditors of the Imperial Bank of India, elected under Section 58 (1) of Schedule II of the Imperial Bank of India Act 1920, do hereby report to the Shareholders upon the Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Bank as at 30th June 1943

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto of the Central Office and of the Local Head Offices and with the Returns submitted and certified by the Branch Agents, which Returns are incorporated in the above Balance Sheet, and report that where we have called for explanations and information from the Central Board such information and explanations have been given and have been satisfactory. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is a full and fair Balance Sheet containing the particulars prescribed by the Imperial Bank of India Act 1920, and the Bye-Laws of the Bank, and is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Bank.

The audit of the Local Head Offices at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras, has been carried out by Messrs. D. Mitchell, B. S. Billimoria and C. Gill respectively.

28th July, 1943.

D. MITCHELL,
B. S. BILLIMORIA,
C. GILL. } Auditors.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Bombay, the 9th July 1943

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Imperial Bank of India will be held at the Local Head Office of the Bank, Apollo Street, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 16th August, 1943, at 4 P.M. (Standard Time) for the transaction of the following business:—

1. To receive the Central Board's Report, the Balance Sheet of the Bank made up to the 30th June, 1943, and the Report of the auditors.
2. To elect three Auditors and to fix their remuneration.

W. LAMOND,
Managing Director.

WHEN RECIPROCITY WILL WORK?

Kunzru Demands Amendment Of India Act

NEW DELHI, Aug. 10.

The Council of State to-day passed, without amendment, the Reciprocity Act Amendment Bill as passed by the Legislative Assembly, Messrs. Bozman, Kunzru, Padshah, Kalikar, Ramsarandas, Hossain Imam and Dr. Khare participated in the discussion.

Mr. Bozman moved the consideration of the Bill.

Pt. Kunzru was doubtful of the effectiveness of the legislation. He said that the crux of the problem lay whether they in India could deprive any South African of his franchise. He maintained that they could not under the Government of India Act, 1935, same thing applied to South Africans holding office in India. Under the Government of India Act, Indian Legislatures were powerless to dismiss them, even if they wanted to do so. He urged that the Government should approach His Majesty's Government for amendment of the Government of India Act.

This demand of Pt. Kunzru was supported by other speakers.

Mr. Hoosain Imam asserted that amendment of the Government of India Act would indicate the "bona fide" of the British Government towards India.

The speakers also urged that economic sanctions should be enforced against South Africa.

Mr. Bozman, replying to debate, admitted the correctness of the position stated by Pt. Kunzru in regard to franchise and holding of office under the Government of India Act and said that the Government had taken note of the views expressed in the House to-day, particularly in regard to their approaching His Majesty's Government for an amendment of Government of India Act.

Dr. Khare said that the bill would be enforced at once.

The Council passed the Bill and adjourned till August 12, when the food situation in the country will be discussed.

During question time the Finance Secretary, Mr. C. E. Jones, told Mr. Hossain Imam that the value of stores of all kinds charged to His Majesty's Government in Government of India's accounts was Rs. eight crores, for 1939/40 Rs. 45 crores, for 1940/41, Rs. 124 crores, for 1941/42 and Rs. 225 crores for 1942/43.

WHAT IS A STREET?

Full Bench Reconsiders The Law

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Lokur and Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha).

The Provident Investment Co., Ltd. ..... Petitioners (Original Accused).

Versus

The Municipal Commissioner ..... Respondent. (Original Complainant).

The petitioners, who own a building called "Gowalia Tank Building", built a compound wall in a passage between that building and the Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya. The Municipality objected and proceedings ensued as a result of which the petitioners were fined Rs. 10 for this encroachment by a bench of Honorary Magistrates. From this conviction under the Municipal Act, the petitioners approached the High Court in Revision. The matter came up before the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen who remanded the case back to the Magistrates for a finding as to whether or not the public had a right of access over the passage by dedication or user so as to constitute it a "street" within the definition in Section 3 (w) of the Municipal Act. They also expressed the view that if the finding of the Magistrate was in the negative, the decision of this High Court in the case of the Municipal Commissioner vs Mathurabai (30 Bom. 558) would have to be reconsidered by a Full Bench it ruled that a laid-out passage with houses on both sides was a "street", irrespective of whether the public had a right of access over it or not.

On remand, the Magistrates held that at the date of the notice, the public had not acquired right of passage or access over the obstructed passage either by dedication or user for 20 years. The matter was then referred to a Full Bench of the High Court to reconsider the decision in Mathurabai's case (30 Bom. 558).

Their Lordships held that the decision in Mathurabai's case was right when it laid down that the definition of "street" in Section 3 (w) of the Bombay Municipal Act as a lane over which the public had a right of passage or access was inclusive, and not exhaustive. But their lordships stated that Mathurabai's case was not correct in so far as it implied that any piece of land having houses on both sides was a "street". Their Lordships were of opinion that whether a passage was a "street" or not was a question to be decided on the facts of each case. Having regard to the fact that in the present case the passage was about 200 feet long and 30 feet wide and in view of the fact that the petitioners' predecessors—in—title had paid fees for projecting galleries as on a street, Their Lordships held that the passage in question was a street and the Rule must therefore be discharged.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad and Mr. R. J. Kolah with Mr. D. O. Vania appeared for the petitioners.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga, Mr. B. J. Desai and Mr. Y. B. Rege, instructed by Messrs. Bayley and Co., appeared for the Respondent.

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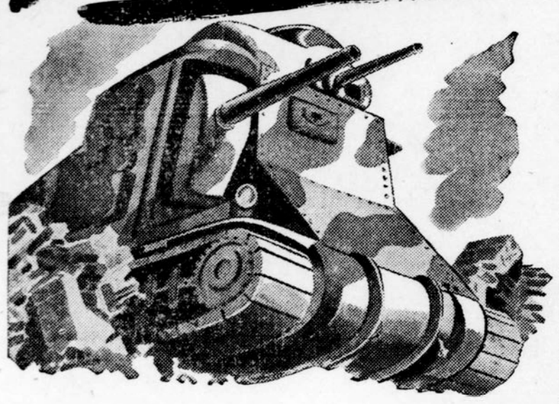

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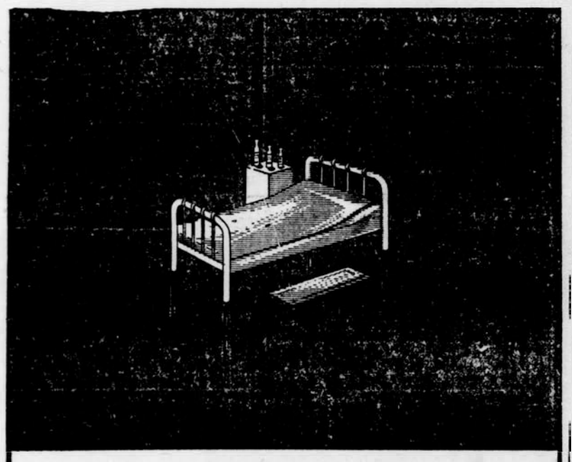

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Sunrise: 7-20 a.m. Sunset 8-7 p.m.
Hightide: 7-55, 19-14. Lowtide 1-0, 13-51
Municipal Standing Committee: 2-30 p.m. (B. T.)

To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer Meeting at Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain at 6-15 p. m. to-day.

KSHATRIYA UNION CLUB: Anniversary of the late Mr. J. R. Wanmali in the Wanmali Hall at Dadar between 9-30 and 11-30 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE SOVIET UNION: The general body meeting will be held on Sunday the 15th of August at 6 p.m. at the Gujerati Forbes Hall, V. J. Patel Road, Girgaon.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN:—Dr. Irach J. S. Taraporewala will deliver, at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (33-35, Harvey Road), a series of twenty-four lectures on "The Comparative Grammar of old Aryans or Indo-Iranian languages", beginning from the 11th inst. One lecture will be delivered per week, every Wednesday at 5 p.m. and will be open to the public.

MENAKA'S DANCE DEMONSTRATION:—Under the auspices of the Shri Sanskriti Kendra Madam Menka will speak on "Classical Indian Dancing" at the Sundrabai Hall, Carnegie Road, on Friday, the 13th inst. at 6-15 p.m. The lecture will be accompanied by demonstration by Madam Menka and her pupils. Those who may be desirous of attending the lecture may obtain admission cards from any of the below mentioned addresses. Card holders alone will be admitted.

It may be mentioned here that Menka is one of the foremost exponent of Indian dancing and is the winner of the coveted prize at the Berlin Olympiads. At present, Madam Menka is conducting the Nrityalayam in the beautiful natural surroundings at Khandala where students are initiated into the technique of the Classical Indian Schools of dancing viz. Manipuri, Kataka and Kathakali. Admission Cards for the dance demonstration at Sunderabai Hall may be obtained from:—(1) R. G. Gyani, Curator, Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay. 1. (2) R. R. Modi, 14, Alexandra Road, Gamdevi, (3) S R Modi, Parimal, Tilak Road, Santa Cruz.

Two Arrests For Parsi Lady's Murder

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

On the suspicion that they were connected with the murder of an old Parsi lady at Dadar Colony, last week, the Kingsway Police arrested two Pathans on Monday evening. Both the suspects were put up before Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar Court, to-day.

Applying for the remand in custody of the suspects the police stated that during the early hours of August 7 some persons had effected entrance into the residence of Bai Gulbai Kaikhushru Talati, at Faridun Mody House, Parsi Colony, Dadar. The miscreants, alleged the police had gagged Mrs. Talati and had throttled her to death. Thereafter they had decamped with some property.

The Magistrate ordered the suspects to be remanded into police custody pending further inquiries.

BIG HAUL OF JEWELLERY BY BURGLARS

Syed Azgaralli, Abdul Majid A. Rahiman and Gulam Nabi Nizamudin, were arrested last night on the charge of committing theft of jewellery valued at Rs. 17,450.

The Magistrate granted the police application and remanded the accused to custody for a fortnight pending further enquiries.

FURTHER REMAND FOR ALLEGED ASSAILANT OF JINNAH

Before the Chief Presidency Magistrate to-day, the police applied for a further remand for 14 days, of Rafiq Sabir Manzanvi Munshi Umardin, arrested by the Bombay C. I. D. (Crime Branch) on July 26, for alleged attack with a knife on Mr. M. A. Jinnah. The application was granted by the Magistrate.

MAJOR GULLILAND'S CASE TO GO ON

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"In my opinion none of the three reasons advanced by the prosecution either considered separately or jointly are proper reasons for giving consent to the withdrawal of the cases against the accused and I cannot grant the application of withdrawal.

With these remark, Mr. K. J. Khandalawalla, Presidency Magistrate of the Mazagaon Police Court, refused the application of Mr. M. G. Vyavarkar, Police Prosecutor, seeking permission to withdraw the cases against Major C. C. Gulliland, Secretary of the R. W. I. T. Club, to-day.

The case was adjourned to 18th of August, 1943.

Well-known 'Kathakali' Exponent Dead

Shankaran Namboodiri, the well-known exponent of "Kathakali" from Travancore and Guru of Uday Shanker, died suddenly of heart attack on August 7, after he had exhibited "Dussasana Vadham" in a performance given in honour of the Maharaja of Jind, says a message from Almora.

Shankaran Namboodiri was 63 years old.

Khadi Exempted

BOMBAY: For the time being and until further notice cotton cloth manufactured on handlooms, and handspun yarn, are excluded from the operation of the notification requiring the affixing of "Texmark" and from Clauses 13 and 14 of the Cotton Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order, says a Press Note issued by the Textile Commissioner, with the approval of the Government of India.—A. P.

Cocoanut Day

Sunday, August 15, being Cocoanut Day and a public holiday, a large crowd of people is expected that evening on Chowpatty and Marine Drive, and all roads leading thereto. As there is a partial blackout in the City, the public are advised to return to their homes before dark, in order to avoid the danger of accidents.

CHOLERA HAVOC IN MALABAR

CALICUT: Owing to the prevalence of Cholera in Malabar the number of deaths in the district upto July 31st, was 13,951 out of total attacks of 18,384.—O. P.

EXHIBITION TABLE TENNIS FOR BIJAPUR FUND

All-India Champion To Play At Byculla Y. M. C. A.

An excellent programme has been drawn up for the Table Tennis Exhibition matches to be played at Byculla Y. M. C. A. to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m. in aid of the Bijapur Famine Fund.

The following is the order of the matches arranged:—

(1) Miss M. Brodie vs Miss A D'Souza.
(2) K. H. Kapadia vs U. M. Chandarana.
(3) Miss M. G. Kudav vs Miss P. E. Madon.
(4) D. H. Kapadia vs P. S. Varde.
(5) K. H. Kapadia vs D. H. Kapadia.
(6) K. H. Kapadia and D. H. Kapadia vs U. M. Chandarana and V. F. Patkar.
(7) K. H. Kapadia and Miss P. F. Madon vs D. H. Kapadia and Miss R. Shroff.

A few seats are still available and these can be booked by telephoning the Secretary, Byculla Y.M.C.A. (42982).

Harwood League

SNAPPERS' HOPELESS FAILURE

A large contingent of Sanppers' followers came to the Cooperage ground on Tuesday to see a slaughter of innocents which was to provide them with the requesite number of twelve to win the Senior Harwood League Championship. But they were sadly disappointed. All that their favourites could do was to score only two goals—one in each half by White and Aveyard. In Edden, the Snappers found their greatest stumbling block, who brought off several spectacular saves. The Railway defence on the whole played very well indeed to lose by only a brace of goals.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

6.15 p.m., City Police vs. Y. M. C. A.

All Quiet On Tuesday

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Bombay experienced a peaceful day to-day. All shops and business houses opened as usual.

About midnight yesterday (Monday) a crude, bomb, alleged to have been thrown outside the Capitol Cinema, exploded causing more noise than damage. A European is learnt to have received some slight injuries.

City Convictions For Demonstrations

Mr. Nilkanth Baburao Parulekar was sentenced to undergo one year's R. I. by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate at the Mazagaon Police Court to-day.

Mr. Parulekar was arrested by the Colaba Police under the Defence of India Rules. He was stated to have entered the Bombay Civil Secretariat with a Congress flag hoisted on his walking stick.

He refused to take part in the Court proceedings.

The same Magistrate awarded 5 months' R.I. to 10 other persons who were arrested from different parts of the city for taking out processions and shouting slogans.

Of these Vishvanath Gangadhar was arrested at Haines Road, Laxman H. Naik and Bharat Naidu at Lamington Road and Babubhai Bhalubhai Mehta, Chandrakant V. Naik, M. R. Mehta and three others were arrested at Grant Road. Yeshwant Ramchandra was arrested for persuading Simplex Mill workers to go on strike.

Mrs. Champawati Modak who was arrested at Bazar Gate Street for taking part in a procession yesterday was allowed bail by the Magistrate.

Prices Of Foodstuffs

The following are Rationed, Controlled and Fair Retail Prices of Articles of Foodstuffs in the Bombay City published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay:—

RATIONED & CONTROLLED PRICES: Wheat per paylee Rs. 1 as.2, Rice. Special Quality per paylee Rs. 4, Rice, 1st Sort per paylee Rs. 2, Rice, 2nd Sort per paylee Re. 1, Boiled Rice: Pukka Hura, Punjab Boiled and Sitasal per paylee Rs. 1 as. 6, Sind Joshi per paylee Rs. 1 as. 5. C. P. Boiled per paylee As. 14 ps. 3, Bajri per paylee As. 11, Indian Sugar 2 lbs. As. 6 ps. 6, Matches more than 50 sticks but not more than 60 sticks 1 box ps. 9. Kerosene Oil—Retail shop price per 1/4 gallon As. 4 ps. 3, Kerosene Oil—Itinerant per (Dealer or Hawker) 1/4 gallon As. 4 ps. 9.

Fair Prices (based on average, wholesale quotations) for week ending 31st July 1943.

Gram per paylee not quoted, Masur dal (superior) per paylee Rs. 1 as. 10 ps. 9, Gram dal per paylee Rs. 2 as. 2, Tur day (Dry) per paylee Rs. 1 as. 8 ps. 9, Tur dal (Oiled) per paylee Rs. 1 as. 11 ps. 9, Ghee (Porbunder) per lb. Rs. 2 as. 1 ps. 3, Butter (Polson's) in tin per lb. Rs. 1 as. 14, Cocoanut Oil per lb. As. 7 ps. 6, Groundnut Oil per lb. As. 6 ps. 9, Mutton (Sheep and Goat) 1st class per lb. As. 10. Eggs (Hens' Graded Agmark) per dozen Rs. 1 as. 6, Eggs Ungraded per dozen Rs. 1 as. 4, Pork 1st sort (stamped 'P-1') per lb. As. 12, Beef 1st sort (Cow stamped 'C-1') per lb. As. 7 ps. 6, Potatoes (Indian) per lb. As. 4 ps. 6, Onions per lb. As. 1 ps. 3, Charcoal per quarter Rs. 1 as. 9 ps. 6.

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The Bombay Chronicle

LESSON OF THE FRONTIER

The victories won by the Muslim League candidates in the election for three N. W. Frontier Assembly seats are distinct and noteworthy. While in the Mardan rural constituency the League candidate secured only 557 votes more than the Congress candidate, in the other two constituencies, the League secured 2171 votes against 884 won by the Congress and 4707 against 2501 of the Congress. The defeat of the Congress candidates can, partly, be explained by the fact that the most beloved leader of the Pathans, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, and a number of his active workers are in jail. The association of the Congress with the Hindu Mahasabha for election purposes may also have alienated some of the voters. Sardar Aurangzeb Khan, the Frontier Premier, commenting on the result of the by-elections, declared that "it was the first contest between the Muslim League and the Congress over the issue of Pakistan and Akhand Hindustan and the result had conclusively proved that the Muslims of the Frontier Province were in favour of Pakistan." The conclusion which Sardar Aurangzeb Khan has drawn is as hasty as a denial that the League has gained considerable strength in a province where the Congress hitherto held undisputed sway, would be futile. By-elections are not always reliable guides, but they are, more often than not, portents which cannot be ignored. The extent of the strength gained by the League in the N. W. F. Province and the causes which have led to this gain demand dispassionate and careful study. It is saddening that counsels of extremism in regard to adjustment of communal differences, to which the League is now wedded, should prevail with increasing number of Muslims hitherto in the fold of the Congress. But the phenomenon, sad as it is, is also a challenge to the constructive statesmanship of the country. The communal problem, as we have so often insisted in these columns, cannot be ignored or dismissed as an irrelevant nuisance. It has a vital bearing on our struggle for freedom and on how soon it is to attain success. And because it has such a vital bearing, a policy of drift or of inaction induced by disgust or despair pursued in regard to it can only lead to disaster. All those, who love the country, yearn for its freedom and are ready to make any sacrifice in order to win it, have a two-fold and urgent duty to perform. This duty is, firstly, to take all possible measures to secure the immediate release of Gandhiji and the Congress leaders so that they may address themselves to the work of bringing about a communal settlement and, secondly, to contribute their own share towards preparing an atmosphere favourable for such a settlement. This is also the lesson of the N. W. Frontier by-elections.

India And The Empire

Mr. Amery's lecture on British Empire subjects has been cabled to India at great length less because of its intrinsic merits than because he is the Secretary of State for India. We notice it only for the latter reason. It has no merits of its own. Perhaps it may be more accurate to say that, like the curate's egg, it is good in parts. It is an extremely one-sided and unconscionably exaggerated representation of British imperialism, a glorification of certain features of British character and culture, full of the all too familiar imperialist jargon. We are not concerned with the academic points touched upon in the lecture, though we shall always be mindful of the ways in which India was drawn into the tentacles of the Empire and the ways in which she is held there against her will. Our sole concern, the objective of all the important parties in India, is to be completely free from those tentacles at the earliest possible moment by all possible legitimate ways.

"The supreme test of our whole system", says Mr. Amery, "will lie in whether we succeed or fail in the years after the war, in winning a free India united and at peace within herself to the acceptance of her own unfettered choice of privileges and responsibilities of the Commonwealth and to that high place in its counsels as in those of the world to which her political greatness and gifts of her people should entitle her.' It is clear that so far Britain has failed miserably in the test of making India a free partner in the British Commonwealth. India is not yet free, nor does she care to make Dominion Status her goal. The Congress having given the lead in 1929, both the Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha soon followed suit and made complete independence their goal. As regards the internal unity that Mr. Amery regards as the test of British imperialism, much need not be said. The world knows that "divide and rule' has always been the policy of the imperialist everywhere and at all times and Britain is no exception to the rule. She may be said to have reduced that policy to a fine art, the result of which is that to-day she is undoing what little unity was achieved as a result of common interests under British rule.

Apart from Britain's failure so far to satisfy the test considered above the test itself is a crucial one. If by any miracle Britain concedes India full freedom and self-determination at least after the war and if by another miracle India voluntarily agrees to remain a member of the Empire with all its responsibilities and commitments, but faintly indicated by Mr. Amery, that will certainly be a great achievement of Britain But there seems to be little chance of Britain voluntarily conceding full freedom to India even after the war. On one pretext or other she seems likely to delay it or compromise it. There is not so far a clear unequivocal declaration about her post-war attitude towards India. In fact, what is clear from Mr. Amery's speech is that Britain is going to persist in her present policy of delaying Indian freedom as long as possible. For Amery says quite definitely: "It is difficult to see how any other but a tentative step by step policy can solve the future place of India and eventually of Africa in the British Commonwealth." What Mr. Churchill has also said clearly and unequivocally is that the Atlantic Charter with its guarantee of full freedom and self-determination will not apply to India and that Britain will hold what is her own and will not liquidate the Empire. Knowing from experience of the past how easily British imperialists may explain away or wriggle out of any declaration about the future, Congress and other parties would judge Britain's promises for the future by the measure of performance now. No. responsible party is prepared to take responsibility for administration unless real power is immediately transferred to the people. It is no exaggeration to say that India's attitude towards Britain after the war will be largely determined by Britain's part in respect of the immediate solution of the present deadlock.

Duty Of Allies

Speculations about the future of Hitler and a possible change in regime in Germany have, as we have already said, been natural. Events stimulated them irresistibly. But we are glad that responsible Americans have sharply checked them and sounded a note of warning against undue optimism. Continued indulgence in such speculations will only result in complacency than which there can be no worse enemy of the United Nations. In fact, indications are growing that King Victor Emmanuel and Marshal Badoglio are, as it were, on suicide bent and would choose to loose Italy fighting. As a Madrid message says—even though full credence need not necessarily be given to it—a German announcement would be issued soon stating that Italy will "continue in the war with still more active military help from Germany."

If Hitler and the two Italian leaders have, indeed, come to such a settlement, the Axis have averted the crisis for the time being at any rate. And, for the time being at any rate, they may possibly wage the war with greater energy even though defensively. Moreover, another report from Spain speaks confidently of the imminence of a Japanese attack on Russia which would indubitably relieve, to an appreciable extent, if, again, only temporarily, the strain on Germany. We do not know how far the Spanish reports, allegedly originating from Berlin, are correct. But the course and urgent obligations of the Allies are clear. They should intensify the war against Japan and the Axis. And extend it, too For instance, land operations direct against Germany are called for in Western Europe. They are necessitated not only by the possibility of Jap intervention against Russia, but also because the invasion of Sicily has not, as the Russians sharply point out, developed into a genuine second front which means the diversion from Russia of, say, 80 German divisions.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Lucky China

In a tribute to the late President Lin Sen, a British diplomat Sir Humphry Prideux Brune, till recently Consul-General at Kunming, says: "The distinction with which Mr. Lin fulfilled his role was derived, first and foremost, from a certain combination of dignity and simplicity, a combination not easily found in those who are called to exalted positions in any country and at any time, and which exactly suited the needs of China, with regard both to her domestic requirements and her place in the arena of world politics.....For all the dignity of his learning the President was equally notable for his complete disregard of parade and ostentation and the simplicity of his tastes." Add to this British tribute the fact that the President of China lived in a rented house and drew a salary of 1000 Chinese dollars, equivalent originally to Rs. 1,000 a month. All that one can say is that our neighbour China is lucky in being free and independent.

Rajputana Flood Relief

The havoc done by floods in Ajmer-Merwara appears to be far more serious than was believed from the first reports of the disaster. According to the Rajputana and Central India States' People's Conference, about 4,000 people perished in the floods and many more have been made homeless and destitute. Relief in such a case is extremely difficult and needs to be both prompt and generous. The Viceroy's donation of Rs. 1,000 is timely but needs to be supplemented by more official relief. The Bombay Relief Committee has so far collected only about Rs. 15,000 but hopes to collect a lakh of rupees soon. The collection work needs to be expedited. Those who wish to make any contribution or to get any information about the scope of relief are requested to enquire in the Marwari Sammelan Office, Kalbadevi (Phone 30648).

Kerosene Prices

The Bombay Government have announced that with effect from this month the retail price of kerosene will be Re. 0-4-3 per quart (1/4 gallon) when the sale is effected by retail shopkeepers and Re. 0-4-9 per quart when the sale is effected by itinerant dealers and hawkers. This is a slight reduction in the earlier prices but its advantage is quite lost to the public in the absence of small coins. The hawkers quietly pocket 5 as. per quart and almost systematically fail to give either three pies or a token. This amounts to setting at naught the reduction in the price. Can Government do nothing to prevent this?

GEN. ALEXANDER

By Hanse W. Baldwin, Military Editor of the New York "Times":

Medium height, fairly heavy set, reddish complexion, tanned cheeks, clipped mustache, good humoured, polite, to the manner born—that is General Sir Harold R.L.G. Alexander. He is conscious of his rank and responsibilities but no egocentric.

He talks calmly but with emphasis, speaks his mind frankly like Eisenhower, doesn't hesitate to gesture and illustrate his points with methods which in a lesser man might appear ridiculous; tiptoes about the room, ducking his head down behind his hands, to illustrate his conception of tank-destroyer tactics. His field headquarters are a British blend of the meticulous and the informal. His mess is his own, its routine as inflexibly formal and precise as tradition has ordered it, but he wears corduroy slacks and the blouse of the British battle dress, and you might take him, walking in a grove of trees, for a fairly junior officer.

He believes that one of the principal concerns of generalship is the development of leaders.—Young Leaders.—U.S.O.W.I.

Profiteering Charge Fails For Want Of Corroborative Evidence

Moorji Hirji, a millionaire rice merchant of Bombay and a senior partner in the firm of Bhawanji Moorji and Co. and Hansraj Dharsey his partner, together with Kheraj Khetsey an assistant in the shop were charged before Mr. Khandalawala, Presidency Megistrate, Maxagaon for having sold wheat in excess of the control price and for thus having committed a breach of the defence of India Rules relating to profiteering.

Mr. Khadalawala discharged Mr. Moorji accepting Counsel Mr. F. G. R. Khairaz's contention that the prosecution case had failed to show that the accused had been concerned in the commission of the offence.

Ajmer-Merwara S. O. S. To Viceroy

The Secretary, Rajputana and Central India States' Peoples' Conference, has wired to the Viceroy:—

Ajmer-Merwara flood disaster demands your Excellency's kind personal attention and visit. The Commissioner of Ajmer replying to my wire reports over 4,000 dead and wants contribution. Bombay Marwaries contributing in men and money Government and private relief work is valuable and timely, but quite inadequate. Central Government's sufficient monetary help is urgently needed The disaster was caused by breaches in Mewar State bunds. Mewar State owes full responsibility.

Judgment In Shiyali Sabotage Case Appeal

Ordinance 19 Held Valid: Other Pending Appeals Also Dismissed

MADRAS, Aug. 10.

"It is not correct to describe the Governor-General as being a Subordinate or a non-Sovereign Legislature. He has all the powers which the Federal Legislature would have had in Federation had been adopted and he has all the powers of a Provincial Legislature", observed the Chief Justice delivering judgment at the Madras High Court to-day on behalf of the Full Bench which heard the "habeas corpus" application filed by one of the accused in the Shiyali Sabotage Case questioning the validity of Ordinance 19 of 1943.

As already reported, their Lordships at the conclusion of the arguments on Tuesday last dismissed the application holding the Special Courts Repeal (Ordinance 19 of 1943) 'intra vires'. Permission was granted to the petitioner to appeal to the Federal Court.

In the course of the judgment their Lordships observed:—

It is true that parliament has power to amend the Government of India Act 1935, but while it stands as at present, the Governor-General constitutes a sovereign legislature with regard to matters referred to in the three legislative lists and, as we have seen, full power has been given to the Governor General to legislate without restriction in matters of Criminal Law and of procedure to be adopted in trying criminal cases. The Federal Court acknowledged that the Governor General had the power to appoint special courts of the nature of those mentioned in Ordinance two of 1942 and the Ordinance was held to be invalid only because the precaution of repealing certain sections of the Criminal Procedure Code had not been taken and there were no rules governing the allocation of the cases. The errors of omissions which rendered Ordinance Two of 1942 invalid cannot, in our opinion restrict the Governor General in promulgating a new ordinance".

Proceeding their Lordships observed:

Section 3 (1) of the later ordinance says that the sentences which had been passed under the repealed ordinance before its repeal shall continue to have effect as if the trials at which they were passed had been held in accordance with the criminal procedure code. If the Governor General's powers are unrestricted, as we hold them to be. He must have the power to make such a provision.

We hold sub-section 1 of section 3 of ordinannce 19 of 1943 is not invalid and that the section means what it says. For reasons given in this judgment their Lordships held that the other applications pending before the Court raising the same questions were also dismissed.—A.P.

COLLECTIVE FINE

A collective fine of Rs. 5,000 has been imposed on the town of Kumta, in Kanara District. Muslims, Christians, Scheduled Classes, Civic Guards, ex-soldiers and the families of serving soldiers, Government servants and all those who helped the police in their investigations are exempt from payment of the fine.

57 ARRESTS IN NAGPUR

NAGPUR, Aug. 10.

One more arrest to-day took the total number of arrests in Nagpur since July 22 to 57. About ten boys who were detained yesterday and the day before were let off after a warning.—A. P.

KASHMIR BAN ON OUTSIDERS AT MUSLIM CONFERENCE

SHRINAGAR, August 9.

The Kashmir Government have imposed restrictions on the forthcoming Kashmir Muslim Conference, prohibiting any outsider to address or to participate in the deliberations of the Conference. Outsiders will not be allowed even to sit in the pandal. The Conference is further debarred from discussing the political situation in the country and criticising any other political organisation. Mr. Jinnah was expected to attend this conference and Bahadur Yar Jung had already left Hyderabad in this connection.—U. P.

PARTIAL HARTAL IN DACCA

DACCA, Aug. 9. Partial hartal is being observed here and Narayanganj today. Hindu shops are generally closed but the Muslim shops are open.

The police yesterday searched several houses and arrested four youths under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

PURCHASING TICKETS FOR POONA!

CALCUTTA, August 10: Two persons were arrested under the D. I. R. at Howrah station while they were purchasing tickets for Poona.—United Press.

PICKETING & ARRESTS

MADURA August 9: A majority of students of the Madura college and about 50 per cent. of A. R. High School absented themselves to-day from their classes. Three persons who picketed courts in the Tirumal Naick's Palace in the afternoon were arrested by the police.

The Police later arrested nine Congressmen who attempted to form processions shouting "Bande Matharam".

BEZWADA, August 9: Shops in the city remained closed to-day to mark the anniversary of the arrest of Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders.—A. P.

BAN ON TRICOLOUR

MIRAJ, August 10: Under Rule 59 of the D. I. R. the Raja Saheb of Miraj (Sr.) has prohibited the display in public of the Congress flag or any other emblem likely to be interpreted as that of the Congress as "it is likely to prejudice the public safety, maintenance of public order, defence of British India or efficient prosecution of the war".—United Press.

NEW DELHI, August 10: One person named Mustaq Ahmed was arrested near the Clock Tower under Section 7 of the Cr. L. A. Act. The leader of a procession which was taken out near Chandni Chowk was arrested under Section 188 of the I. P. C. for alleged defiance of the order of the local Government.—United Press.

SURAT, August 10: A crude bomb exploded in the latrine of the Surat railway station. No damage was caused. The police who arrived on the spot recovered a live bomb—United Press.

DACCA August 9: Two youths who, it is alleged, had one dagger and seven crackers with them, were arrested last night on Mitford Road.—A. P.

POLICE ASSAULT CASE APPEAL

DINAJPUR, August 10: Mr. M. H. Lethbridge, Sessions Judge, Dinajpur, dismissed the appeals preferred by Dhirendranath Burman and others convicted in the Parihana police assault case and reduced the sentences on Basanta Burman and others in the Telighata paddy looting case.

The Danghirhat paddy looting appeal will be heard on September 4 next. All the three cases are offshoots of the Balurghat disturbances of September last and were tried by Mr. P. Das Gupta, Magistrate, First Class.—United Press.

BALURGHAT, August 8: Eleven persons were arrested here yesterday under Section 129 of the D. I. R. Their houses were also searched but nothing incriminating was, it is stated, found. All the arrested persons have been sent to Dinajpur under police escort.—A. P.

ARRESTS IN SIND

HYDERABAD (Sind), August 10: Twenty-two persons including eight women were arrested while attempting to hold demonstrations in the town in observance of the first anniversary of the arrest of Mahatma Gandhi and other Congress leaders.—A. P.

KARACHI: Mohamed Bux Channa, a Congress worker from Nawabshah was arrested here last evening as he was distributing Congress bulletins in Rambagh maidan.

CASUALTIES IN EXPLOSION

KARACHI, August 9, (Delayed): An explosion of what is described as a country made bomb occurred near Empress market in Sadar area last night. Five persons who were injured were taken to the hospital.

Prabhat Pheries were taken out this morning and there were some stray flag hoisting ceremonies in certain parts of the city. A few shops were also closed. Some students remained absent from the colleges and schools. Police pickets guarded the strategic points.—A. P.

MONTHLY INTERVIEWS TO CONGRESS DETENUS

MADRAS, Aug. 10.

It is learnt that the Government of Madras is at present considering the question of according permission to members of families of Congress seclusion prisoners to interview the prisoners once a month.—A. P.

ARRESTED IN MEERUT

MEERUT: Five persons were taken into custody for taking out a procession in observance of the first anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's arrest on 9th August, 1942. Two persons were arrested for alleged posting of prejudicial leaflets on walls.—A. P.

DELHI MUST DROP EAST INDIA COMPANY'S METHODS

India Govt. Made Big Promises To Bengal But Failed In Fulfilment, Says Neogy

NEW DELHI, August 10.

The transport aspect of the food problem was explained by Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, when the Assembly resumed the debate on the food situation.

Sir Edward said, in Bombay, six months ago, the position was desperate but now owing to the collaboration of the Central Government and other Provincial Governments, special trains had been arranged, rationing had been introduced and there was ample supply of millets and wheat, and there was no general anxiety.

The Transport Member admitted that the movement programme to South India fell short of expectations owing to railway operational difficulties but it was satisfactory that at the end of July 105.5 wagons per day were passing through Delhi against a target of 110 wagons a day in that direction. Food grains for Travancore and Cochin were moving via Karachi.

Referring to Bengal, he said that priority arrangements had been made to move 90 wagons of foodstuffs a day through the E.I.R. and 100 wagons a day through the B. N. R. besides foodstuffs sent in by other railways and those produced in the provinces, and those sent in by steamer from Karachi. This route, the Transport Member observed, must be the route for further release on a major scale in the near future.

Sufficient For Three Million

The quantity sent through the E. I. R. and B. N. R. would represent some eight million lbs. a day, which would be sufficient to feed more than three million people at two and a half lbs. a day for each. The population of Calcutta and Howrah was two and a half millions. Efficient cooperation and energetic management could see the province of Bengal through the next critical weeks; if support was given to both the Government of India and the Government of Bengal instead of making the sufferings of the people the sport of politics.

Transfer War Prisoners Elsewhere

Mr. Bhutto suggested the appointment of a committee of both Houses with the Food Member as President to deal with the situation and also suggested that Axis prisoners of war should be transferred from India to Australia and Canada.

Mr. P. J. Griffiths, European Group, suggested practical action under four heads. He advocated firstly rationing of Urban areas all over the country, secondly, a drive for food stocks similar to the recent drive in Calcutta, thirdly, very much stronger action against offenders and fourthly a very much stronger line with Provincial Governments would not play.

He declared that the greatest obstinacy had been shown by some of those Provinces which were at present governed by Sec 93 (cheers).

Clive Street Rules

Mr. K. C. Neogy compared the present situation in Bengal with what existed in 1770, when the East India Company hoarded food in the name of its employees. The East India Company, he said, still existed in the country.

Lord Clive might not be with them but there was a lord of Clive Street installed in the Government benches (laughter and cheers).

Sir Edward seemed to think that Clive Street constituted Calcutta and Calcutta constituted Bengal. That was exactly the attitude of the East India Company. Mr. Neogy suggested that ships such as those advertised by Mr. Griffiths with millions of tons of wheat from Australia and other surplus areas should steam towards India and as an emergent measure military authorities should be induced to part with a part of their stocks on the understanding that they would be replenished.

Why Blame Bengal?

The Food Member, had referred to the attitude of the Bengal Government representatives at the Food Conference, but, asked Mr. Neogy, what self-respecting Government could be expected to depend upon the Government of India.

It had been stated in reply to his questions that 793,000 tons were required to be sent to Bengal and it was agreed that that quantity was going to be sent to that Province by the Central Government.

But actually 39,693 tons had been provided, what, asked Mr. Neogy, was the use of the Bengal Government disclosing its plans to a Government his character?

Sardar Sant Singh referred to a report that those who contributed to the War Fund got the monopoly for selling sugar, salt and kerosene. He mentioned another report that Sind Government had purchased wheat from the cultivators at Rs. 6 or 7 per maund and sold it at Rs. 15 and had made profits. Why he asked should such profits go to the Government and not to the cultivator?

The Food Member intervening declared that these figures were all baseless and incorrect.

Sardar Sant Singh alleged that foodstuffs purchased by the Bengal Government from Delhi were waiting for the last three months to be sent to that Province.

Mr. Hossainbhai Laiji suggested the centralisation of power in respect of foodstuffs and the creation of a body like the Eastern Group Supply Council, under whose directions a fair distribution plan should be worked in all the Provinces and towns.

Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan charged the Government with criminal negligence in not setting up the Food Department for so long after the outbreak of the war, and it was also criminal negligence on their part to ignore the home front. Provincial Governments would not co-operate with them. Political parties would not co-operate with them and the only persons who seemed to co-operate with them were those whom Government had taken in their fold. They had consistently treated with contempt public opinion in this country; what right they had now to ask for co-operation?

Food Member's Reply

Sir Azizul Haque, Food Member, said, it has been stated that huge quantities of rice were lost with the loss of Burma. He pointed out that the total rice production in India was 25 million tons and the total import from Burma was one and a half million tons. So far as Bengal was concerned, the average imports from Burma were 400,000 tons, and excluding exports from Bengal the net import into that province was roughly 200,000 tons. In 1941/42 the net import into Bengal was 224,000 tons as against a production of 8-1/2 million tons.

..In 1942-43 compared to 1941-42 rice was a million tons short, wheat a million tons surplus and millets and maize some four million tons surplus.

Takes Time

He gave the assurance that the question of importing foodgrains from abroad was being considered vigorously but he asked the House to remember that even supposing the Government got assurances of imports, there were various factors of shipping and the like, and it would take two or three months before imports actually came in. That was, therefore, no solution of the immediate problem; it might be a solution for the future.

"Damaged Bajra"

He would tell Sardar Sant Singh that the foodgrains to which he was referring as having been lying in Delhi consisted of damaged Bajra and the owner wanted a price which the Government of Bengal were not willing to pay.

As regards the future, the Food Member pointed out that experience showed that unless Government's arrangements were complete before announcing their policy, there was the danger of speculators taking advantage of the position. He, was therefore, reluctant to speak about Government's programme but he assured the House that they were doing their best.

The Food Member closed with a rereference to the situation in Bombay, where he said it was under control.

The debate concluded and the Assembly adjourned till to-morrow, when it will hold its secret session to discuss the war situation.—A. P.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

Will History Repeat Itself?

BY FREE LANCE

The chief topic of discussion among the football fans of Bombay today is, of course, the International match which will be staged at the Cooperage in aid of the Navy Sheepskin Jackets Fund on Saturday next. I have not the slightest doubt that the crowd will be a record one. It will surely beat last Saturday's figure of 8500. I wonder if it will cross the figure of 10,000 recorded in the Mohun Bagan-Cheshires match of 1928 held in aid of the Gujarat Flood Relief Fund. By the way I hope the W.I.F.A. would stage another match to help the starving people of Bijapur and Bengal. Their need is so great that a prompt and generous response is urgently called for.

INDIAN COMBINATION

The rival teams have been selected. I do not think the Indian combination could have been improved. Individually and collectively the men chosen are the best. Some people may be a little disappointed at the exclusion of Thomas, the brilliant inside left of the W.I.A.A. Staff, and Mandon, Tata's right-back. But most people would agree with the Selectors that Thomas and Mandon are not half as good as they were last season. The selection of young Roy of the B.E.S.T. at the right wing is, on the other hand, equally deserving. I expect the Indians to repeat their performance of last year—that is, defeat the Europeans by a couple of goals. Sunshine or rain should not make much difference, as all of them are equally at ease with boots on as with bare feet. I must, however, warn Murthy and Co. again—I am glad that Murthy has been chosen to lead the side—that they must cut out all frills and go all out for team-work. And, for heaven's sake, keep Dhakuram well fed. Rashad and Bhimrao must stick to their positions leaving Murthy to engineer the attacking operations.

EUROPEAN STRENGTH

The European side might have been improved at one or two places. But some of the star players of the East Yorks and Base Sub Area having fallen off in their forms latterly, the Selectors had no option. There is no sense in choosing players by their past performances and reputations. Present form can be the only criterion for judicious team-building. Comparatively speaking, I expect better teamwork from the Indian team—as the majority of them belong to one stable, 'a la' racing parlance—than from their rivals. But the United Forces team playing at Bombay eleven recently showed that they can also combine very well. That means the Indian players would have to be more watchful and ingenious than ever. In any case, it will be a titanic struggle which will be worth many miles of travel and a good deal of inconvenience to see. Let the better side win.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

Education was needed in India and there was an enormous task still to be performed in assisting her to get ready for self-government she has been promised after the war.

—The Rt. Hon'ble Comrade Sir Stafford Cripps.

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Inaugurating a teachers' course on "British Empire subjects," Mr. L. S. Amery said "Our forefathers .....were adventurers, traders, pirates, colonists, conquerors and organisers. . . ."

In a mood of exalted pride, Mr. Amery seems to have become almost ruthlessly truthful.

But later he tried to save the situation and the teachers got the desired dope.

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In the same mood of exaltation but no longer aberrant, Mr. Amery reminded the teachers of the great Empire builders "from Drake and Raleigh to Livingstone and Rhodes....."

We wonder why he didn't mention the other set from Clive and Warren Hastings to Willingdon, Linlithgow and, with a modest blush, himself.

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He did, however, refer to India hoping that the British Imperial system would succeed "in the years after the war in winning a free India, united and at peace within herself....to the Commonwealth."

The whole sentence is rather like a long meandering front well protected in depth with major hedgehogs and minor pill-boxes and so on, but you catch the general idea, we hope.

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The particular emphasis is on "the years to come after the war" intended no doubt to limit the period to, say, fifty years.

Meanwhile, of course, let us go on animating and stimulating separatism, communal disruptiveness and so on in order, presumably, to help India achieve "peace within herself."

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Apropos of the Indian situation, Anglo-India opines that "the moral to be drawn from the melancholy events of the past few months needs no particular emphasis."

No emphasis at all is necessary. That is why the "British Press" did not make any comment on Lord Linlithgow's valedictory address.

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Asked about rumours regarding the side tracking of Hitler, Lord Halifax said, "Even if this were true, I would not attach too much importance to it."

What? Not even though sportsman Goering took Hitler's place.

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Insisting upon Mediterranean operations as being a Second Front, Mr. Elmer Davis, however, promises, in the unspecified future, the opening of a Third Front in Western Europe.

Involving another three or six German divisions?

What more can the Russians ask for?

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A man may be proud of his willpower, until he comes up against a woman's won't-power.

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The daughter of the house was reading a book that gave the meaning of names. Her mother was watching her thinking of all the young men who came to the house after her.

"Mother," said the girl, "it says Phillip means lover of horses and James means beloved. What does George mean, I wonder."

"I hope, my dear" said her mother, "that George means business."

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FROM TRUSTEESHIP TOWARDS PARTNERSHIP: INDIAN ISSUE TO BE BRITAIN'S - SUPREME TEST

YORK, Aug. 9

Delivering the inaugural address to a teacher's course here on British Empire subjects to-night, Mr. Leopold Amery, Secretary of State for India, declared:

"There is a tendency prevalent in some quarters to disparage the use of the word Empire and substitute for it in all contexts the term Commonwealth.

As a matter of fact the word Empire is in itself a colourless term used to describe any large or composite political system regardless of its political organisation.

It is only a term appropriate to the sum total of self-Governing States, dependencies, colonies, protectorates, mandated territories feudatories and minor allies which are comprised within the orbit of British policy.

Its true meaning lies not in the misuse of the term by enemies or ignorant critics but in our own knowledge of what the British Empire has stood for and what it stands in the world today.

There is somewhat different problem of terminology which arises from the fact that we have evolved from a centralised Empire to a decentralised one.

The adjective 'British' has to do a double duty for that which pertains to Great Britain and that which pertains to the Empire as a whole just as the Union Jack does a double duty as our local flag here and as the common flag of the whole Empire.

It has been suggested that the word 'British' should be used in a narrower sense and 'Britannic' when we are speaking of the Empire or the Commonwealth as a whole.

There is again a very real drawback psychologically in having only a descriptive term and not a single proper name for the object of our wider patriotism.

What is the thing behind the name? What is the essence of British Empire? What does it stand for? What purpose does it serve for the peoples comprised by it? What makes it worthy of their loyalty their devotion, their sacrifice?

To these questions I would reply in the first instance that the British Empire under all the infinite variety and complexity of its external organization is yet in essence a comparatively simple and intelligible thing

It is the translation into outward shape under ever varying circumstances of British character and of certain social and political principles constituting a definite British culture or way of life which first evolved on British soil have since been carried by our people across all the seas

There is one feature in that character without which the Empire would never have come into being That is the love of adventure and exploration, the seafaring and roving instinct.

STORY OF EMPIRE BUILDING

The story of the building up of the British Empire of India, of regeneration of Egypt in the closing decades of the last century or of Iraq and Palestine after the last war is a wonderful tribute to the organizing power of men, some famous in history but most of them unknown who did the work

That work is still going on all over the dependent empire in Africa and elsewhere and is acquiring all the time a larger scope and wider meaning. Time was when we thought our duty as colonial administrators satisfied if we abolished slavery and tribal warfare, established law and order and left the rest to the missionary or the trader

To-day we have a higher conception of our task. We look upon it as a task of education, of sanitation, of agricultural development, of endeavour in every direction to make most not only of the material resources of the vast undeveloped regions which we control but of the human resources latent in native populations for whom we regard ourselves as trustees

REIGN OF LAW

Love of order and effective Government innate in British character has never been the acceptance of arbitrary Government

The reign of law a characteristically English conception that Government and its servants act not outside but within and under law, is one which we have carried whereever we have gone.

It prevails not only in the self-governing portions of the Empire but wherever British authority prevails

The humblest peasant in an Indian village, the most primitive tribesman in the West-African bush entrenched behind law enjoys, as against the arbitrary power of Government officials, security and freedom unknown to-day to a greater part of continental Europe

Further development of the conception underlying the reign of law, namely that law itself can only be changed by the consent of the nation's representatives had become deeply ingrained in our people long before the tide of migration began to flow.

Representative institutions sprang up as something natural and undeniable in every colony based on actual settlement.

If we lost the American colonies it was not that they were oppressed but that they enjoyed a measure of legislative freedom without executive responsibility which made Government impossible in America as it had made Government impossible in England a century and a half before.

We resolved that dilemma in time to save the second empire by the evolution of responsible government at home and by our courage in applying its essential principle throughout the Empire wherever conditions seemed to make it applicable

Wherever British rule has extended it has been by the acceptance of and adaptation to local conditions, not by enforcement of any preconceived plan of Government.

POICIES JUSTIFIED

It may be that we were sometimes on the side of changing too little, of not facing problems in time, of tinkering at great issues, that can only be dealt with by bold reconstruction. Yet on the whole our instinctive policy has justified itself.

EVOLUTION OF COMMONWEALTH

Evolution in Europe, in the Far East, in South-America of free commonwealths comparable in scale and importance with the British Empire, the United States or the Russian Union of Republics seems to me to offer the most promising line of evolution towards a more peaceful and better ordered world that we can hope for in the near future.

In that evolution it is for us of the British Commonwealth to give a lead by the success of our example.

The Commonwealth system is still only in its first experimental stage. Its methods of consultation and co-operation are still in their infancy

It is for us after this war to develop them by the fullest use of all the facilities that modern science will put at our disposal.

What is no less essential is that our policy should aim continuously at the enlargement of the Commonwealth within the Empire, at the progressive evolution of our sense of responsibility of trusteeship into that of responsibility of partnership.

The supreme test of our whole system will indeed lie in whether we succeed or fail in the years after the war in winning a free India united and at peace within herself to acceptance of her own unfettered choice of privilege and responsibilities of the Commonwealth and to that high place in its counsels as in those of the world to which her political greatness and the gifts of her people should entitle her.

Nothing can be of greater consequence to our own peace and to that of the world than to prove by our example that a free Commonwealth can embrace peoples of every race and colour and that the internecine conflict of Europe need not be a mere prelude to ever greater and more terrible racial conflicts in the future.—Reuter.

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Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, August 10.

The market practically remains unchanged. The speculative engineering stocks were slightly enquired for. Jutes and coals kept steady. Government securities continued firm.

Cottons:—Benares Cotton 12/9, Cawnpore Textiles 11/5, Muir Mills 378.

Coals:—Bengal 468, Bokaro and Ramgur 23/6, Burra Dhemo 6/13 Burrakur 17/11, Central Kurkend 17/13, Equitable 39/8, Katras Jherriah 40, New Beerabhoom 21/13, North Damuda 7/8, Pench Valley 41/12, Searsole 4/14, South Karanpur 6/2, Talcher 4, West Jamuria 34/15.

Jutes:—Bally 336, Baranagore 149/8, Belvedere 491, Champdany 205, Howran 61/4, India 539, Kamarhatty 550, Kelvin 640, Lawrence 276, Lothian 250, Nuddea 98/4, Presidency 6/8.

CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

SHARES: Although the Bombay Stock Exchange and the Indian Stock Exchange remained officially open today no business was transacted by members Government Securities are hardening and 3-1/2 per cent paper is quoted at Rs. 96 8 with scarcity of sellers.

BULLION: The local market was fairly steady and to-day being the final day of Settlement, all open forward contracts are being liquidated. Henceforth all business will be spot terms with a delivery within four days Holders of actual stocks are optimistic and show no inclination to part with their holdings. The future of prices entirely depends upon war news and currency expansion Moreover Gold and Silver are not perishable articles like other agricultural products and there are no fresh arrivals unless the Government import from U. S. A. Thus the market was fairly steady with Silver quoted at Rs. 110 and Gold at Rs. 75. All open business was closed to-day and Spot quotations were Silver Rs. 110-4, Gold Rs. 75-4 and Sovereigns Rs. 52-12.

SEEDS: The local Seeds Market was fairly steady with limited sales but general tendency is hardening Bold ready groundnuts are quoted at Rs. 100 and Khandesh quality stood at Rs. 105. Linseed ready is quoted at Rs. 16 and Castorseeds at Rs. 18-4 It is understood the question of starting trading in Castorseeds will be considered in the meeting called on the 18th inst.

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New York, Aug. 9

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NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL

New York, Aug. 9

October 19.93. December 19.80. March 19.65.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday the 10th August 1943. Total amount offered was Rs. 14,73,25,000—. Tenders at Rs. 99-12-8 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-12-3 allotted approximately 67 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. Eight Crores. the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-14-11 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. Eight Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday the 17th August 1943. "in Bombay" up to 11 a.m. (Standard Time) and up to the close of business on Monday the 16th August 1943 at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday the 20th August 1943. Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended 6th August 1943, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 3,16,25,000—were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

The Half-Column "By Dim"

Without Comment:

Mr. Karl Khandalawala, Presidency Magistrate of the Mazagaon Police Court, refusing permission to withdraw the cases against Major Gulliland observed:

"In my opinion none of the three reasons advanced by the prosecution either considered separately or jointly are proper reasons for giving consent to the withdrawal of the cases against the accused and I cannot grant the application of withdrawal."

The first reason, the Magistrate observed had no substance in it whatsoever; the second reason, had still less substance."

Major Gulliland is Secretary of the R.W.I.T.C. The case was adjourned to August 18th.

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Three racing Franks were discussing breeding in Poona.

1st Frank: "The sire was Tetratima."

2nd Frank: "Don't be silly Tetratima was a dam."

3rd Frank: "Of course she was!"

("Sporting Times" please copy)

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The Police paid a courtesy call on the "Hindustan Times" on August 9th. I call that really thoughtful—part of Sir Sultan Ahmed's assurance to be the guardian of privileges of the press.

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Unintelligent Gestapo Agent anticipates that Mr. Sorensen is likely to suffer shortly from a sore throat. He has been asking too many questions on India.

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Have you read Radhakrishnan's lecture on the present political situation which he delivered at the Benares University? I thought it absolutely charming that what he said was entitled the "Sunday Gita Lecture."

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Indian Banking Forges Ahead

Maintenance Of Liquid Position By Banks Essential, Says Deshmukh

CALCUTTA August 9.

"The banking system of the country has not only withstood the strain imposed by War conditions and adapted itself successfully to the constantly changing requirements of the times, but has also given evidence of vigour in several directions." said Mr. C. D. Deshmukh, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, at the ninth annual general meeting of the share-holders of the Reserve Bank of India to-day.

Mr. Deshmukh said that the maintenance of a liquid position by banks not only enable them to tide over difficulties during the War but should also make it easier for them to co-operate with Government in any plans the latter might have for post-war reconstruction

NEW FLOATATIONS

The most remarkable feature of Indian banking during the year, he said had been the large number of new floatations some of them with fairly large capital. "This increase welcome though it is, in a country where banking is still insufficiently developed, has not been without its disquieting features and this aspect of the problem has received the careful attention of the Board during the year.

Another important feature of Indian banking during the year had been the appreciable increase in the number of branches of scheduled banks, particularly in the mofussil centres.

SHORTAGE OF SMALL COIN

Dealing with the shortage of small coins, Mr. Deshmukh declared that the two mints were working to maximum capacity pouring out unprecedented quantities of small coin, the amount put into circulation during the year surpassing the total absorption during the entire period of the last War, and being nearly equal to the absorption during the preceding period of approximately three years since the beginning of the war.

Proceeding Mr. Deshmukh said: "When the third mint which will start work shortly, gets into stride the total stream of small coin injected into the monetary system would be appreciable increase in the number of which reason re-asserts itself and small coin begins to return from circulation our administrative machinery will be able to cope with the returning flood. In the meanwhile the shortage of a small coin, wherever it yet exists, is pressing the hardest on the poorer sections of the community, and I cannot help feeling that at least partly this result is due to hoarding induced by greed as well as by false notions about metallic currency.

For many decades past now even the silver rupee has never been intended to be otherwise than a token coin and its substitution by a coin with a smaller silver content, followed by its calling in from circulation in stages, has merely been the culmination in favourable circumstances of a currency reform begun long ago and having as one of its aims the economising of silver. The bullion value of other coin, i.e., the subsidiary coin, is of still smaller significance and the hoarding of small coin as a measure of currency safety is as futile as putting out to sea in a cockle shell."—A. P.

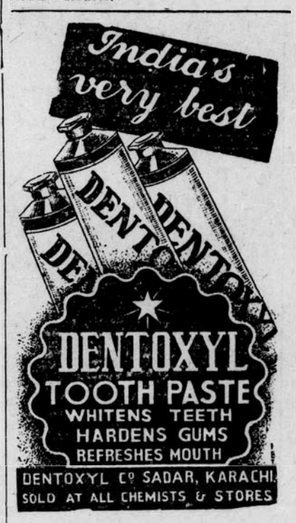
Anti-Indianism In Durban

DURBIN Aug 9.

Giving evidence on behalf of the Natal Indian Congress at the Natal Post War Works and Reconstruction Commission, Mr. A I Kajee declared that there should be a permanent Expropriation Committee provided a fair price is paid for land as a measure to prevent land racketeering

The present expropriation system of paying valuation plus 30 per cent is inequitable, as the Municipality deliberately kept valuations of Indian owned property at the lowest.

This was due to the fact that the Municipality failed to provide Indian property with sufficient amenities and also because realising the possibility of eventual expropriation the Municipality deliberately kept valuations down.—Reuter.



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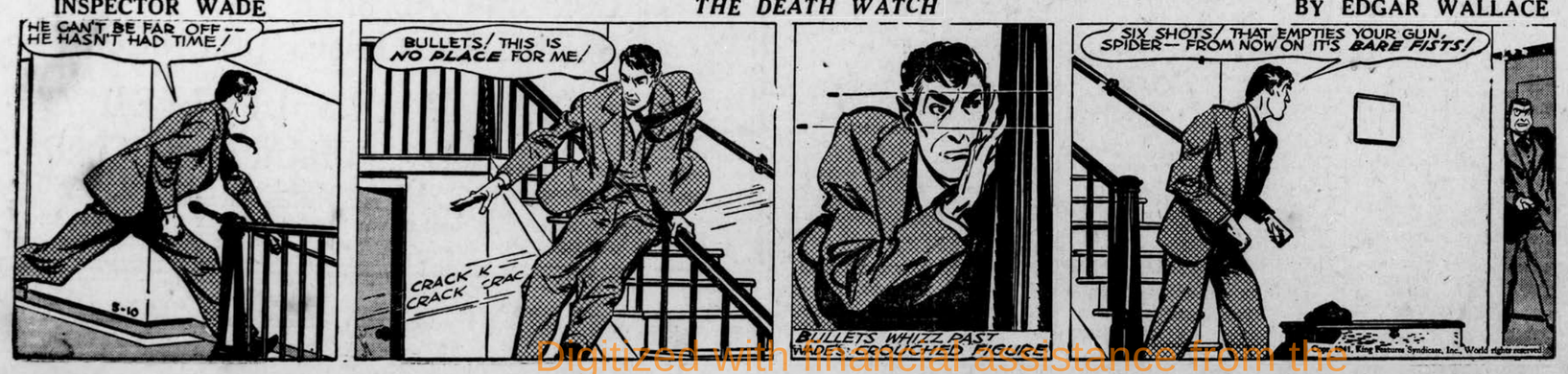
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COTTON CLOTH DEALERS' LICENCE

THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY has promulgated the Bombay Cotton Cloth Dealers Licensing Order, 1943, and enforced it throughout the Province from August 3. Under it no person shall sell or store for sale cloth on and after October 15, 1943, except under a licence.

Applications for licences must be made within one month from August 3, 1943, to the Director of Industries by persons in the city of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District and to the District Magistrate by persons elsewhere. The fee for the grant of a licence to a hawker will be Re. 1 and to any other dealer Rs. 5.

"Cloth" means cloth manufactured either wholly or partly from cotton; but does not include cloth manufactured wholly from wool, silk, artificial silk or jute.

"Dealer" means a person carrying on the business of selling or storing for sale cloth, whether wholesale or retail and whether or not in conjunction with any other business and includes a hawker.

"Hawker" means a person who goes from place to place or from house to house carrying or exposing for sale cloth or exposing samples of cloth to be afterwards delivered.

Nothing contained in the Order applies to (a) the owner of a textile mill, or (b) any person selling or storing for sale cloth manufactured buy himself or the members of his family.

The prescribed form of application for a licence is:

1. Name of the applicant in full.
2. Address of the applicant in full.
3. Occupation of the applicant.
4. (a) Whether the applicant or his firm has been habitually dealing in cloth.
   (b) If so, state the exact address where the business was carried on and the year since when he or the firm is in business.
5. *Exact description of premises where the business

@Area (taluka, Peta, District or any other locality

is to be carried on

where the business is to be carried on.

6. Period for which licence is required.
7. I|We have carefully read the conditions of the licence in Form II to the Bombay Cotton Cloth dealers Licencing Order, 1943, and I|We agree to abide by them.
8. **I|We have not previously applied for such a

I|We applied for such a licence on .....

licence

and was|were refused a licence on .....

Signature|s of applicant|s

*In the case of a dealer other than a hawker.
@In the case of a hawker.
**Strike out the words which are not applicable.

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NOTICE

THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY have been pleased to sanction a levy of Re. 1|- as a license fee to be charged to a hawker and Rs. 5|- to any other dealer in cotton piecegcods, vide notification No. 564 Finance Department (Supply), dated 3rd August, 1943.

2. The Director of Industries, Bombay, has been appointed as a licensing authority for the City of Bombay and the Bombay Suburban District for issue of licenses under the Bombay Cotton Cloth Dealers Licensing Order, 1943. Dealers and Hawkers in Cotton Cloth are hereby requested that they should pay the license fee into the Reserve Bank of India (to be credited to the head "XXXVI-Miscellaneous Departments"), and submit a 'chalan' to this office along with their applications in the prescribed form for licenses. (5691)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE INDIAN GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 18th August to 5th September, 1943, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
VIJAYSINH GOVINDJI,
Managing Director.
(5695)

NOTICE.

WE the undersigned carrying on business in partnership in the name and style of The Paradise Pen Agency and The Paradise Agency as Fountain Pen and Ink Specialists at 75, Abdul Rehman Street, Bombay, hereby notify to the public that under the articles of our partnership none of us have alone any authority to borrow money for the purpose of the aforesaid business. The public are therefore hereby notified in that behalf and to intimate that any money borrowed by any of the individual partners will be solely binding on such partner in his individual capacity and not our firms.

Dated this 6th day of August, 1943.

KRISHNAPRASAD T. MEHTA
ESUFALLY MOHAMEDALLY ARSIWALA
BASHIRUDIN ABDUL HUSSEIN
(5668)

LEGAL NOTICES

THE TATA OIL MILLS COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate for Five shares Nos. 17761|17765 of the abovenamed Company, standing in the name of late Mr. Haji Aboo Haji Tayob have been Lost or Mislaid and Bai Halimabai, daughter of the said deceased has applied to the Company to issue duplicate certificates for the said shares. Any person who has a claim in respect of the said shares should lodge such claim with the Company at its registered Office, Bombay House, 24, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, within one month from this date, else the Company will proceed to issue duplicate share certificates.

Dated this 11th day of August, 1943.

POPATLAL & JIVABHAI,
Attorneys for Bai Halimabai, daughter and Legal Heir to the Estate of the late Mr. Haji Aboo Haji Tayob.
(5681)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RAJARAM MORARJI and BHAGWANJI MORARJI of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants the Joint Receivers appointed by the Bombay High Court in Suit No. 662 of 1925 (wherein Rajaram Morarji and others are the Plaintiffs and Morarji Goculdas Devji and others are the Defendants) have pursuant to the provisions and directions contained in the Order made by the said Court on the 23rd day of July, 1943, in the said Suit contracted to sell the undermentioned property free from incumbrances to our clients.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, exchange gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, possession, easement or otherwise howsover are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, within the Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land or ground of the Pension and Tax Tenure together with the hereditaments and dwelling houses standing thereon situate, lying and being at Girgaum Road, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 3940 square yards or thereabouts forming part of a larger piece of land or ground and which the said larger piece of land is registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old Nos. 194, 201, 332, 432, New Nos. 4, 1525, 1571, 2314 and 2455 Old Survey No. 643, 644 and New Survey No. 7979, Cadastral Survey No. 1721 of Girgaum Division and which said hereditaments and premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward Nos. 2866, 2867 (1) and Street No. 6B and are bounded as follows: That is to say, on or towards the EAST by Girgaum Road, on or towards the WEST partly by Gamdevi Road and partly by Harvey Road, on or towards the NORTH by Plot No. 6, on or towards the SOUTH partly by Plot No 4 belonging to Rajaram Morarji and his sons, partly by Plot No. 6 belonging to Haridas Morarji and his sons and partly by Plot No. 7 and which property agreed to be sold bears Cadastral Survey No. 5|1721 of Girgaum Division.

Dated this 16th day of August, 1943.

AMARCHAND & MANGALDAS,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(5686)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

Hydraulic Engineer's Office.

TENDERS accompanied with a deposit of Rs. 240|- for the supply and erection of one 14" diameter electrically operated sluice valve for Bhandarwada Hill Reservoir, Bombay, are invited and will be received upto 1 p. m. (Bombay Time) on the 25th day of August, 1943.

Tenders should be enclosed in a sealed envelope superscribed "quotations for the supply and erection of 1 No.—14" diameter Electrically operated sluice valve for Bhandarwada Hill Reservoir Bombay", and addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay.

Forms of tenders, specifications, etc., will be issued on payment of Rupees three to any one deputed to receive them by the Undersigned who will on application give any further information that may be required.

In the case of a firm the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

The party whose tender is accepted will have to execute a contract and they shall have to pay all the charges incidental thereto including preparation, stamping, etc.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

E. A. NADIRSHAH.
Hydraulic Engineer.
Hydraulic Engineer's Office,
Improvement Trust Building,
Napier Road, Fort.
Bombay August, 1943.
(5685)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HARIDAS NARANJI and HANSRAJ GOKULDAS as the Trustees of the Porbunder Sadavrat Charities Trust have contracted with our clients to sell to them the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder written free from all claims and incumbrances.

Any person or persons having or claiming any estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever in to or upon or in respect of the said property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, gift, bequest, trust, charge, sale, residence, use, maintenance, possession, mortgage, equitable mortgage, lease, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever is or are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 41A, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay within fourteen days from the date hereof at the expiration of which period the sale will be completed without any reference to such claim or demand (if any) as may not have been received before the expiry of the above time and the same shall be considered and treated as abandoned.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

FIRSTLY:—All that piece or parcel of land or ground of Foras land tenure, containing by admeasurement 8500 (eight thousand five hundred) square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Old No. 549, New No. 14105, Old Survey No 230 and New Survey No. 1|354 and Cadastral Survey Nos. 1885, 188b (Byculla) Division situate, lying and being at Gilder Street in Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward Nos. 4196, 4197, 4198, 4199 4201, 4202, 4203 and Street Nos. 76, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 and bounded as follows:—that is to say on or towards the East by the property of Merwanji Muncherji Cama, on or towards the West partly by the B. B. & C. I. Railway and partly by the property of N. Powell & Co., on or towards the North by the property of New Piece Goods Bazar Co. Ltd. and on or towards the South partly by the property of N. Powell & Co. and partly by the B. B. & C. I. Railway and partly by the property of Merwanji Muncherji Cama.

SECONDLY:—All that piece or parcel of land or ground of Foras land tenure situate at Gilder Street, Agripada, which is now called as "Lamington Road" in the Town and Island of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1365 (one thousand three hundred and sixty-five) square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue forming part of the Collector's Old Nos. 6-5, New Nos. 13475, 13474 Old Survey Nos. 238|240 and New Survey Nos. 1-3 1 1,2,3,5

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and 1 and Cadastral survey No. 350|1884 (Byculla) Division and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the North by the property of the New Piece Goods Bazar Co., Ltd., on or towards the East by Gilder Street now called "Lamington Road", on or towards the South by the property of Hajee Vajir and on or towards the West by public Road.

Dated this 10th day of August, 1943.

SABNIS GOREGAOKER
& SENJIT,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(5687)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai AIMAI KAVASJI GUZDER and Bai BANUBAI KAIKHUSHRU SETHNA, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land, situated on the Elphinstone Estate of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement five hundred and seventy-seven square yards and seven-ninths of another square yard or thereabouts and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North by land belonging to the said Trustees, on or towards the South by Thana Street, on or towards the East by Frere Road and on or towards the West by land belonging to the said Trustees which said premises are registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue, Bombay, under Cadastral Survey No. 111 (Princess Dock Division) and are situate in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and are assessed by the Municipality under Ward No. 4 (B) 4453-54 Thana Street No. 60 to 70 2 to 4a.

Dated this 11th day of August, 1943.

GAGRAT AND CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(5676)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS AT UNCLAIMED GOODS OFFICE, WADI BUNDER, G.I.P. RAILWAY.

Under instructions from G.I.P. Railway and in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of Indian Railways Act IX of 1890, Messrs BENNETT & CO., will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY the 26th August, 1943, at 1-30 p.m., (New S. T.), at the above place unclaimed goods including:—

Bags of Castor Seeds, G. N. Seeds, Rape Seeds, Chillies, Moog, Cotton, Tilly, Hirda, Tamarind, Masoor, Linseed, Turmeric, Betul Nuts, Ajwan, Clay Wax, Bundles of Carpet, Books, Brooms, Papers, Wooden planks, E. W. Cases, Bidi leaves, L. Cuttings, Cloth condemned, Tarpaulin pieces, Slates, Elect. goods, Oil, Walnuts, M. R. Tubes, Colours, Cases of Soap, Tea, H. H. Effects, Cycle parts, Hosiery, Baskets of Bangles, Glassware, Brasswares, Catachue, Drums of Paint, Oil Varnishes, E. I. Casks and packages of all sorts and kinds of Iron & Steel, etc., etc.

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By order of the Official Assignee, Messrs. Crawford & Co., Auctioneers, will sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY 19th August 1943, at 3-0 P.M. (S.T.) at 122 Apollo St., Fort, Bombay, the right, title, interest and share of the Insolvent Parsharam N. Nabar in the lands about 59 acres at Shiroda & Aravli (Vengurla) and at Aros & Insuli (Sawantwadi).

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